

# Write-in

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occurred this spring and the current board's handling of these issues that forced me to no longer remain idle."

Among the issues she was referring to was the recent court-ordered audit into the open by Mergener, a Farmington High School parent, about what he described as inappropriate behavior of a few FHS teachers.

Mergener said school and district officials did not fully respond to his concerns, which date back to September 1998, and in April he was interviewed by the Farmington Observer.

Following a May 7 article, Mergener - who adamantly wants a teacher code of conduct established - reiterated his views at a school board meeting and was subjected to what Jaske described as a public "tongue-lashing" by board members.

"The parents in this community deserve more," Jaske continued. "They deserve respect from their elected officials. Taking into consideration all of these issues it is clear to me that the current board is out-of-balance."

### Snork attack

Jaske Thursday criticized Sharp and her supporters for "stealth" tactics.

"Their plan is to attack because of the low voter turnout, and try to steal the election," Sharp said. "She is afraid of putting herself out and having her ideas tested in the public forum."

Noting Jaske's defeat in her two election attempts, Sharp added, "They have a much better chance of stealing the election this way."

According to Brouillette, a four-year school board veteran, the write-in candidacy will impact how she approaches the final few days leading up to the vote. "I'll just gear up a little more and certainly make sure people get out."

There is another major reason why Brouillette and Sharp are encouraging school district residents to vote - vouchers.

In the November general election, Michigan voters will face a ballot proposal that, if

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Gary Sharp  
Incumbent

approved, would change the state constitution and open the door for a voucher system to be implemented.

Vouchers would automatically be made available to residents living in districts where the graduation rate is less than two-thirds. The program would take effect for the 2001-02 school year.

But in other districts, such as Farmington, where the graduation rate is more than 90 percent, the issue would have to be determined at a future school election. If the state constitution is amended, vouchers could be placed on the Farmington school election ballot in June 2001, if at least 10 percent of Monday's voter turnout sign petitions.

A voucher of between \$3,500-\$3,700 in state funding - now earmarked for public education - would be issued for each student opting to leave from public school to either private or parochial schools.

### Where to vote

**Farmington Public Schools Voting Precincts**

- 1. Longacre Elementary 34850 Arundel (Between 8 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue off of Old Road)
- 2. William Grope Elementary 29040 Shawwassee (North side of Shawwassee between Middlebelt and Webster roads)
- 3. East Middle School 25000 Middlebelt (East side of Middlebelt between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads)
- 4. Warner Middle School 30303 W. 14 Mile (South side of 14 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads)
- 5. Dunckley Middle School 32800 W. 12 Mile (North side of 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads)
- 6. Forest Elementary 54545 Old Timor (Farmington Road north of 13 Mile to Old Timor West on Old Timor to school)
- 7. Hillside Elementary 36801 W. 11 Mile (South side of 11 Mile Road between Drake and Webster roads)
- 8. Oak Elementary 21195 Old (West side of Old Road between 8 Mile and 10 Mile roads)

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## McCann

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and his wife, Shari; Pamela and her husband, David Phillips; Kathleen and her husband, John Moran; Carol and her husband, Rick Mercado; and Michael; and three sisters.

The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society.

### REC NEWS

The Farmington Hills Ice Arena is having appreciation days to end the season. Admission is free for each person who wears an identifying uniform, hat or logo. Each day is from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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This occurrence is not something you must live with. Your doctor can drain this fluid if he uses meticulous technique to avoid introducing infection into the joint.

Finally, you should take care to avoid overweight. Extra weight stresses a replacement knee just as much as it does the natural joint.

### SPOTLIGHT ON Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

### BITING COMMENTARY

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