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arrangements with private schools in their area.

"When I accepted the position, I hadn't realized how big an issue it was," Watson said. "I tried to come in fresh without any preconceived notions."

He and OLS Managing Director Hurley are holding a series of parent meetings by grade level.

"Part of it is to let parents know what my goals for the school are and part of it is to help ease some of the concerns about shared time," Watson said.

"At this point, we are pretty much under the assumption that it will happen." Meetings are under way through Nov. 7.

"What I've been able to figure out is that the majority of concerns are in favor of or at least accepting," Watson said. "A small minority is a vocal minority."

Some critics refused to be identified citing perceived intimidation for not talking on the record. One described these meetings as controlled, explosive and hostile, with finger pointing. Hurley thought the meetings were going well, though not well attended which he said is because parents have a good sense of the issue. For instance

at one grade level, only 25 out of a possible 250 people attended. "We're hearing from the same small group of people," Hurley said.

There is no timeline to make a decision about shared time, he added. The OLS position of support will be one of consensus rather than taking an actual vote from the parents, Hurley said.

Parents don't have to agree, Watson said. What is important now is how the two parties disagree. "I have to be concerned about larger issues — the future of the school, making the best use of the resources we have. I understand their position but obviously, I don't agree with it."

Shared time could allow another \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year, Watson said. That would come from salaries and benefits which could be directed toward other projects.

At East Catholic, Detroit Public School teachers taught remedial work on English and Math. "At this point, the majority of schools in the Archdiocese are doing shared time somewhere," Watson said. "I think it is a necessity for both the public school system and the Archdiocese."

East Catholic was one of the schools which had to address

some enrollment and financial challenges," Watson said.

The Farmington School board said the district doesn't have a problem with shared time, unless there isn't support from whomever is asking for it, said Farmington Schools Superintendent Bob Maxfield. He's in Germany until Oct. 12.

Watson met with Maxfield in September. "If this is going to happen next year it is not a May decision, it is a January decision or a February decision," Maxfield said recently. "There isn't a lot of time. There's budget issues involved. I continue to hear mixed messages. We're taking our lead from them."

Some families have apparently left Our Lady of Sorrows over this issue, but St. Fabian School declined to cite the number of children who transferred from OLS. Pam Denise Wood, who is against shared time, said she thought about a dozen six graders transferred to other schools because of the shared time issue.

OLS parents Jim and Mary Kay Landsberg have one child in seventh grade. They're disappointed that planning feasibility committees weren't set up. For more information, call Watson at (248) 476-0977.

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Convenience store clerk chases suspect

POLICE CALLS

A clerk at the 7-Eleven on Orchard Lake and 13 Mile ran after a suspect who stole cash from the business around 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

According to police, the clerk told them a man came in the store asking for change from a dollar bill. When the clerk opened the register, the man grabbed cash from the register and fled the store. The clerk chased the man to his car and tried to get the money back while the suspect was partially in his vehicle.

The clerk managed to grab some of the money from the suspect's lap and he was hit in the face by the suspect. The suspect then drove off. Police later arrested the suspect, a 20-year-old man, near his home using his license plate number to locate him.

Drunken driving

A 35-year-old Farmington Hills man broke his leg eluding police on foot after they pursued him for a traffic violation around 12:33 a.m. Saturday. The officer followed the man who drove to his parents' home and fled on foot in the back yard. He apparently ran into a concrete bird bath and broke

his leg. Police detected a strong odor of intoxicants on the man and his blood was drawn while he was at the hospital to test his blood alcohol level.

Police pulled over a vehicle along Middlebelt and Grand River around 2:25 a.m. Saturday for unsafe lane changes. The driver, a 22-year-old Farmington Hills man, had a .16 blood/alcohol level.

Drug possession

Police pulled over a vehicle along Grand River and Eight Mile around 8:20 p.m. Friday for the driver failing to have a registered title on record. The driver, a 37-year-old Dearborn Heights woman, had marijuana and cocaine on her possession.

Open house party

Police ticketed a 21-year-old Livonia woman for hosting an open house party at a room she rented at the Ramada Inn on Haggerty around 3:15 a.m. Saturday. Police found four other guests in the room consuming alcohol. They were all underage.

Home Invasion

In the 21000 block of Oxford, a resident reported someone broke into her home and stole miscellaneous jewelry worth about \$1,000 from a bedroom during the day on Saturday. Entry was apparently made by removing a window pane.

Urinating in public

Two 18-year-old Detroit men were ticketed after police spotted them urinating on the side of the Mobil gas station on Orchard Lake and 12 Mile around 1 a.m. Sunday.

Shoplifting

At the Kohl's store on Grand River a 17-year-old Livonia boy was ticketed after he put on a new pair of \$70 sneakers on his feet and left the store without paying around noon on Sunday.

Mower stolen

A \$300 lawn mower was stolen from an unsecured garage in the 28600 block of Glenbrook during Saturday night.

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Crim to keynote Chamber eXpo 2002

Legendary broadcast journalist, Mort Crim will deliver a keynote address for eXpo 2002, the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce's and BOSCH's premiere business-to-business trade show, on Oct. 17 at 11 a.m.

Mort Crim is an award-winning journalist, author of radio's "Second Thoughts," top-selling author and successful entrepreneur. To an increasingly hassled and frus-

trated society, Crim delivers perspective, optimism and hope. In a world filled with negative messages, his speeches are about solutions, triumphs and faith.

Crim has been a keynote presenter for Fortune 500 companies, as well as professional associations, business meetings, charitable events and campuses. He has delivered his powerful keynote addresses to Kmart Corporation,

DaimlerChrysler, the Million Dollar Round Table, Ford Motor Company, Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance, The National Funeral Directors Association and hundreds of other top organizations.

Crim's topic of discussion will be *The One Secret Every Happy and Successful Person Knows*. For ticket information contact the Chamber office at (248) 474-3440 ext. 21.

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