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Randy Bergeron, severely criti-cized by Hurley, which showed an almost 2-1 ratio of opposi-tion. Of 657 ballots, 123 indi-

an aimost 21 ratio of opposi-tion. Of 657 hallots, 123 indi-cated non-support of shared-time and 62 supported it. Most likely, those people who opposed hared-time would have turned that survey in. Enberg sald. During a pri-vate meeting with OLS officials earlier in the year. Enberg asked Hurley what type of environment the public teach-ers would find at OLS.

"His statement was very strong that they would provide a supportive environment and they have the power to do that," Enberg said.
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Earlier this year, Hurley directed that cards in support of the plan be distributed to parents of OLS students ners.

The confidential, signed and formatted cards allowed people to vote in support of shared-time, but no specific space was provided to indicate non-support. At a Feb. 11 school board mreting, Hurley said the parish received 1,057 cards of support.

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He added 517 cards came from OLS school parents and 540 from those without children in the school. Nine cards, three of which were unsigned, indicated opposition.
There are 3,100 families in the parish and about 1,110 students in perschool through eighth grade.

## COSTS INVOLVED

After about \$60,000 in startup costs paid for by the public school district, FPS would realize about \$160,000

young school district, FFS would realize about \$160,000 in revenue, according to Paul Barber, divector of fine arts. OLS would realize an estimated \$150,000-\$200,000 in savings, which Watton wants to use to improve technology, library and science labs. Church officials have touted the financial benefits of a shared-time proposal. In a Feb. 2 OLS bulletin, tuition scenarios presented to help parents prepare for the 2003-04 school year indicated shared-time would result in a savings of about \$150 annually in the base tuition rate.

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# **PARKS**

A separate wash area has been set aside for golf course equipment, which will keep grass clippings and fertilizer out of the reg-

and tertilizer out of the reg ular waste water stream. At a Feb. 24 ribbon cut-ting ceremony, Hills city manager Steve Brock thanked Dan Rooney and the Department of Public Works staff for "hosting" parks and rec employees

before the building was fin-

ance facility is ready for business when the golf course

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The facility got a little crowded; the 15 full-time and up to 50 part-time parks and rec employees held some meetings outside,

held some meetings outside, because there was no room inside the DPW building, "16's team work," said Mayor Nancy Bates, who helped parks and recreation commission and city council members cut the ribbon, "and obviously, a lot of people are involved in this team."

## SYSTEMS FROM PAGE AT

treatment by Detroit; the city of 148.57 percent on the origi-nal bill.

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Kevin Gushman, director of public services for the city of Farmington, said the ad is "clearly an attempt on their part to spin this the way they see it and resist (attempts for) regionalization." regionalization."
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made up of a majority of Detroit city residents and a minority of suburban residents the system mostly

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serves. Gushman said Farmington's cost is "very competitive with rates of cities our size and age."

Once it gets to the city, "we have our own system to main-

tain," he said. "The city of Farmington has done a num-ber of projects in order to pro tect the Rouge River. ... Those costs have affected the rates." In Farmington Hills,

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Tom Biasell, director of public works for Farmington Hills, said maintaining the pipes in the city is expensive. However, he pointed out the However, he pointed out the additional funds pay for things like meters, meter readers, broken water mains and future resistes.

and future projects. He said Detroit has a good

water and sewage treatment system and because of court-ordered improvements, the charges have to be included in people's water bills.

He said the city has been informed Detroit water rates

are expected to go up, but an exact figure has not been determined.

determined.
The city council usually votes on the rates for the July quarter in June.
Hills City Manager Steve Brock said each year the city looks at what it will cost to provide businesses and residents with the proper water and sewer services.



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