

Chances Slim For Busing Changes By Fall

Though Livonia and Southfield are in the seven clusters recommended for busing this fall, school officials from both districts are doubtful that it could be implemented in the short time before school starts in September.

The seven districts were pinpointed by the 11-member panel appointed by Federal Judge Stephen Roth. Livonia is second in the list of priorities for implementing busing and Southfield fourth.

When a three-judge panel from the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals put an indefinite "stay" on purchase of buses needed to implement the plan. The stay means that the purchase of the 255 needed buses for \$3 million is delayed indefinitely.

According to the plan proposed by the panel, Grosse Pointe schools will be the first to be integrated. They are in a cluster with Detroit's King High School area and the suburbs of South Lake and Lakeview.

Livonia is second and will exchange students with Redford and Cooley High School areas.

The third cluster is with Detroit's Northern High School area, Royal Oak, Ferndale, Berkeley, Highland Park and Clawson.

Southfield students will be bused with those from Oak Park, Birmingham and Detroit Central High School area.

Dearborn and Dearborn Heights students are included with Detroit's Northwestern High School area, Romulus and Taylor.

The sixth cluster is Detroit's Southwestern High area and River Rouge, and Wyandotte.

The final cluster proposed for this fall is Detroit's Denby and Finney High School areas with Fraser and Harper Woods.

LIVONIA SCHOOL Superintendent Ron Upton said he hopes Livonia students won't be bused.

"It's hard to see why we better one of the first priorities," Upton said. "We will have to bus youngsters across another district to get to Detroit, whereas some districts which adjoin their clusters are not listed in the priorities."

Upton termed the product of busing "fictional integration."

"I firmly believe that the transporting of youngsters out of their environment for five hours a day, then back to their environment again will not achieve meaningful integration."

"I would consider it much better if members of a minority race lived on my block where I see them every day."

Upton said he's against busing because "I don't think it's going to better education one bit."

He said that if the seven clusters become top priority he's afraid the non-priority districts may ease up in their efforts to stop busing.

"The general human pattern is to only get concerned when it personally concerns you."

REDFORD TOWNSHIP Supervisor Bill Robbins is keeping the issue alive in his area by forming a study committee to investigate the possibility of boycotting schools if busing is started.

Robbins is asking for citizens to volunteer for the committee and will have 17th District Judge James Dillon draw the names of 10 volunteers on July 24.

Convention Education For Area Dems

Bleary-eyed and blisters on their feet, local delegates to the Democratic National Convention returned from Miami last weekend.

No one told them before they left that one of the most difficult tasks they faced was catching a few winks of sleep after long convention sessions.

But at least three of the returning delegates from Observantland found the long sessions and countless caucuses made the convention a learning experience.

The convention was most noted for its proportion of new delegates and large numbers of youth, women and minority persons and local delegates were no exception.

It was the first convention for Arthur Bierschbach, a Wallace supporter from Redford Township in the 19th District.

"I went to get an education—and I got it," Bierschbach, 191st Centralia, said. "Now we know what we have to do."

For Bierschbach, the convention was a real lesson in Michigan politics which he summed up as the politics of the "organized minority versus the disorganized majority."

McGOVERN delegates were in the minority since Gov. George Wallace of Alabama took the most votes in Michigan's presidential primary.

While the convention was in progress, Bierschbach said, "It's really been rough. You go in (the convention hall) in the daylight and come out in the daylight."

"They all talk party reform, but you see a lot of power politics here," Bierschbach said.

Specifically, he referred to the challenge on the California delegation where the credentials committee wanted to take 151 of the 271 delegates McGovern won in the state's winner-take-all primary and divide them among the other candidates.

went in there expecting nothing and that's what we got."

CALLING McGovern "the man with the well-oiled machine," Bierschbach said he won't actively support the Democratic presidential nominee but he will remain active in the party. Currently that translates into his campaign efforts on behalf of Eldon Van Steenis for Redford state representative.

Another local candidate, Robert Wright, 30, 32465 Maryland in Livonia, found sitting in the Michigan delegation like being in a vacuum.

The McGovern people stressed discipline and encouraged their delegates to remain in their respective delegations.

Committed to McGovern, Wright followed their advice and often found it difficult to keep up with the happenings outside Michigan's territory.

Nominating McGovern wasn't too difficult after Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) and Sen. Edmund Muskie (D-Maine) pulled out, he said.

As for the platform, "It's a track for McGovern to run on," Wright said, describing it as moderate and avoiding controversy.

Wright himself is seeking the Democratic nomination for 38th District state representative seat in Livonia.

SPORTING blisters on her feet and a bad sunburn, Mrs. Ann Perez of Westland returned from the convention weary but eager to unite Democrats behind her presidential candidate.

She went to the convention as a McGovern alternate from the 15th Congressional District and got to vote on such important issues as the California challenge and vice presidency (when she voted for "Sissy" Farenholt of Texas).

"I enjoyed it. It's a lot of work," Mrs. Perez said after returning from Miami. "It certainly isn't fun and games."

In fact, the only time she had fun was after the convention on Friday when she soaked up too much sun on a Miami beach before returning.

liked to see the South Carolina challenge upheld putting more women in the delegation, Mrs. Perez said she understood that the McGovern people had to

help defeat it in order to win on the crucial California challenge.

"The security was tremendous," she said. "They

checked you more times — everytime you went in or out of the convention."

Though it was an educational experience for

her, Mrs. Perez, 35905 Somerset Dr., agreed that the "best seats in the house were by the televisions" rather than in the delegation.

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Patrols Asked

Farmington Township police were officially petitioned by the Clarenceville Board of Education to begin patrolling school grounds within township boundaries.

The action, taken at the board's July 13 meeting, follows a similar request to the Livonia police a month ago. Board members hope

that police surveillance will cut down on the number of reckless drivers using school grounds and in discouraging vandalism so prevalent in the summer months.

"There isn't any use," he commented, "Last week we replaced eight windows, and the following day six of them were broken again."

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