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# Strikes Hit 3 School Districts; SR In Mediation; S'fld Settles

An Observer Roundup  
Teacher strikes delayed  
school opening this week in

three Observerland districts - Livonia, Farmington and Garden City.  
Pay hikes were an issue in all cases.  
Elsewhere classes began on schedule.  
Clarenceville and Redford Union teachers reported for work without new contracts but with negotiations continuing.  
Plymouth and Wayne-Westland teachers went to work under terms of the final year of multi-year contracts. Southfield reached agreement of a new pact before scheduled start of classes.  
Bargainers in South Redford, where school was slated to begin Sept. 10, were

reported still haggling over non-economic issues at midweek with economics still to be discussed.  
Supt. Joseph Rzepka said he was "optimistic" with negotiations going on around the clock. A state mediator was asked to join the talks.  
The teacher walkouts in Livonia, Farmington and Garden City were the first ever in those districts.  
School administrators in each district notified parents to keep their children home until otherwise advised.  
Major issues in Livonia, where 1,600 teachers reportedly voted "overwhelmingly" to strike, were pay increases and cost of living allowance.

The Board of Education offered a 2.5 per cent pay boost but without a cost of living allowance provided in the expired contract. The district also sought to replace total medical insurance coverage with partial coverage.  
Salaries and class size were the issues which put Farmington's 800 teachers on the picket line.  
The Farmington Education Assn. (FEA), representing the teachers, sought a six-plus per cent wage increase while the district offered five per cent.  
However, class size was ranked even higher than salary as a teacher demand, according to Roger Allen, FEA executive director.

The FEA wants a pledge of no more than 30 students in any one class. The school administration wants to continue current practice of staying within a building teacher-student ratio.  
Pay was the single issue in the Garden City strike. Teachers turned down an offered eight per cent salary increase including "increment" or five per cent without "increment."  
"Increment" refers to automatic wage hikes based on length of service and increased education.  
Southfield negotiated the first two year contract in the district's history. It provided a five per cent pay hike this year and a three to six per cent cost of living allowance next year.

The Southfield Education Assn. (SEA) failed to obtain binding arbitration but did get increased hospital and life insurance, reduced K-6 class size and improved longevity pay of an extra \$250 annually after 15 years. It also secured released time for teachers to work on curriculum development.

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Individuals and groups may give oral presentations or submit written reports on the Super Sewer, an inter-county sewer which would carry wastewater from 35 local communities by 1990 if it is approved.  
The sewer will be designed to carry wastewater to treatment facilities near the mouth of the Huron River where it will be purified and

emptied into Lake Erie.  
Officials from Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland Counties are expected to discuss interim measures for dealing with wastewater prior to construction of super sewer as well as alternatives to the sewer at the hearing.  
Also discussed will be financing of the plans because sufficient state and federal funding is not available for the project.  
The public hearing is sponsored by the Dept. of Public Works from Wayne, Washtenaw and Oakland counties and the Michigan Water Resources Commission.  
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be represented at the meeting.  
William G. Turney, assistant executive secretary of the Michigan Water Resources Commission, said the commission will accept written statements until Sept. 13 on wastewater management. They can be mailed to the Commission at the Stevens Mason Building, Lansing

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The first will run from Sept. 11 to Oct. 9 and the second from Oct. 16 to Nov. 13.

Classes will meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. A \$2 registration fee will be payable at the time of registration, the first night of class.

State law requires those between the ages of 12 and 18 to have a hunter safety certificate. It is necessary to attend all classes and pass a written test to obtain certificate. Attitude also is judged.

Adults may pay the \$2 fee and obtain a certificate or sit in on the class without charge.

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