



DR. JAMES MANTILLA

Special services director appointed

Dr. Nancy Shields, school psychologist, was appointed South Redford's director of special services in a special meeting Monday.

The SR school board appointed Dr. Shields in a 5-1 vote with Trustee Mary VanAlsten voting against the appointment and Trustee Fred Garver absent. The special services position was created by the board last spring to enable the district to improve special education programs. Formerly, direction of special education programs was handled part-time by other district administrators.

Dr. Shields has worked in SR for 14 years as a school psychologist and social worker. Previously she taught in Detroit. A resident of Farmington Hills, Dr. Shields holds bachelor's master's, education specialist and doctorate degrees in educational psychology and child development from the University of Michigan.

Initially, Dr. Shields said she will concentrate on developing a learning specialist program at the secondary level and "work for more cooperation between special education teachers and the regular teachers on the staff."

Supt. Joseph Raepka said 33 SR staff members will report to Dr. Shields including five speech correctionists, four Type A program teachers, seven learning specialists, three social workers, three reading specialists and five elementary counselors.

"We found we needed to increase our services and build new programs in special education," Raepka said. "It is an area which needs full time attention."

Provost leaves OCC; becomes president of eastern college

Farmington Hills resident Dr. S. James Mantilla will leave his post as provost of the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College (OCC) to become president of Harrisburg Area Community College in Harrisburg, Pa.

Mantilla, whose move is effective Dec. 1, has been provost at Orchard Ridge since October 1970. He came to OCC when it opened in 1968 and has served in positions which include college director of educational services, dean of students and acting provost at the Auburn Hills campus in Rochester.

"My ten years at OCC have been the most exciting and satisfying of my life...there is a special kind of commitment and dedication to service at

Orchard Ridge on the part of the faculty and staff," he said. "The Harrisburg position presents an unusual opportunity and a great challenge."

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Mantilla earned masters and specialist degrees there before completing a doctorate at Wayne State University.

He has served as an adjunct professor at Wayne in the department of higher education and was included in the 1972 edition of "Outstanding Educators of America."

Employed with the Royal Oak School District for 13 years, he directed the health, physical education and athletic programs. He was a volunteer counselor for the Royal Oak Probationary Court.

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Bucket Brigade needs volunteers

Volunteers from the Farmington School District's "Bucket Brigade" program will sponsor a presentation to other interested people from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Monday, Sept. 22, at the North Farmington Public Library, 27277 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

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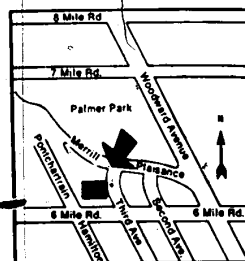
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