

# Boards ask for more class days

Seven out of 10 state school board members favor a longer school year for America's children and youth, according to a poll taken at the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) annual meeting in Dearborn.

The unofficial poll also showed that delegates from 43 states and territories are opposed by more than 2-1 to the Reagan administration's proposed constitutional amendment to permit prayer in public schools.

And when asked which presidential candidate — Ronald Reagan or Walter Mondale — would be more likely to improve the quality of education in the U.S., Mondale was named by a larger percentage than the president.

ALTHOUGH 70 percent of NASBE delegates said they believe the school year should be longer, they were divided on how many days of school should be required.

In most states, schools must provide a minimum of 180 days of instruction for all students. The poll showed 30 percent believe the school year should remain unchanged.

Of the 70 percent who want a longer school year, 25 percent favored a minimum of 200 days of instruction should be required, 5 percent said 195 days, 20 percent said 190 days, and 20 percent said 185 days.

By an overwhelming margin — 82 percent to 18 percent — state school board members believe that state funding should be increased as a condition for lengthening the school year.

ON TWO QUESTIONS regarding high school graduation requirements, 84 percent agreed that students should be required to pass reading and math tests in order to graduate. And 71 percent said they agree that state boards of education should establish high school graduation requirements for local high schools.

Sixty-seven percent of the state school board members who participated in the poll disagreed that the U.S. Constitution should be amended to permit prayer in public schools, while 33 percent favored the amendment.

## Fund discourages teen births

Child and Family Services of Michigan Inc., a statewide United Way agency, has been awarded a \$49,000 grant by the Michigan Department of Social Services to develop a statewide media campaign aimed at preventing teen pregnancy.

Teens will be encouraged to postpone sexual involvement, according to terms of the contract executed by CFSM director Albert Morris and Dr. Agnes M. Mansour, DSS director.

The project will involve donated public-service assistance and combined staff and volunteer expertise. Carmen Sarotte, vice president of the CFSM board, and CFSM communications director Liz Graves will oversee the project.

Sarotte is vice president and management supervisor of Rosenfeld, Sirowitz and Lawson Inc. of Bloomfield Hills.

CFSM is a statewide network of 13 community-based member agencies and an administrative agency in Brighton.

The project will utilize the statewide network of member agencies to respond to local inquiries and monitor the local media campaign process.

Human services provided by member agencies include: individual and family counseling, foster care, adoption, pregnancy counseling and (in some communities) specialized services for substance abuse, teen-age parenting and the problems of aging.

## Free energy analysis offered

The Southfield Energy Commission (SEC), in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Commerce Energy Administration and the Southfield Chamber of Commerce, is offering free energy analysis to small commercial and industrial businesses and religious buildings within the city of Southfield.

An energy analysis consists of an 11-point survey covering the energy use in such areas as heating, ventilation, air conditioning, hot water and lighting systems. For those systems that offer energy-saving opportunities, a cost analysis is made which provides the recipient of the analysis an easy way to select cost-cutting actions. Many of the recommended energy-conservation measures are low cost or cost free allowing for quickly generated savings, said David M. Hersh, co-chairman of the SEC.

To take advantage of this free service, call the Southfield Energy office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 354-7434. A trained energy analyst will call to schedule a time to conduct the analysis.

Before the analysis, you will need to gather your gas and electric bills for the past 12 months and have them available for the analyst's use, Hersh said. Without your energy bills, an analysis of your potential to reduce costs is not possible.

### CORRECTION

Sparky Anderson will be at Hudson's Twelve Oaks on Wednesday, October 24 from 4-6 p.m. (not 7-9 p.m. as listed in the October 15 ad).

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A question asking who should have the main responsibility for improving America's public schools — the federal government, state government or local school boards — drew the following responses:

- State government, 46 percent.
- Local school boards, 30 percent.
- A combination of all three, 11 percent.
- A combination of state and local, 9 percent.
- And a state-federal coalition, 4 percent.

Asked who should pay for improving American education, 48 percent said the state, 13 percent said local government, 11 percent said the federal government, and 13 percent said all three. The remainder said a combination of state-local (9 percent) or federal-state (7 percent).

NEARLY SIX out of 10 (59 percent) NASBE delegates who participated said they believe the federal government should increase its financial support of public schools during the remainder of the 1980s.

On the presidential candidate question, 62 percent said Mondale would be more likely to improve the quality of education in the U.S. as president, while 36 percent believe Reagan would support education more if he is re-elected, and 2 percent were undecided.

The presidential question was identical to a question asked in a recent Gallup poll. Gallup found 42 percent felt Mondale would be more likely to improve the quality of public education if elected, 34 percent named Reagan, and 24 percent had no opinion.

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