

Schools shape facility expansion plan

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An appointed committee of residents studying the Walled Lake Schools' need for more space has set an ambitious plan before the school board.

It calls for the construction within the next three years of one junior high school, two elementary schools and an administrative building, bus maintenance/parking complex and warehouse facility on one site.

Such an expansion program is needed to meet the sharp increase in enrollment, especially along the eastern end of the district in West Bloomfield Township and Farmington Hills, according to the task force's recent written report to the Walled Lake Board of Education.

The district owns two unused sites within West Bloomfield Township,

according to assistant superintendent for business Linda Moskalik. A 76-acre site is owned on Maple Road between West Bloomfield First Station No. 4 and Henry Ford Medical Center-West Bloomfield. A 46-acre parcel is at Halstead and Pontiac Trail, bordering on the Grand Trunk Railroad right-of-way.

A SHORT-TERM solution to overcrowding already has been authorized by the Walled Lake Board. Fourteen classrooms are planned for four elementary schools to be completed in 1988. They include Keith and Maple, both within the township, and Oakley Park, which serves some township children. Walled Lake Elementary in Walled Lake will also be expanded.

Improvements to existing buildings are also proposed in the report.

Walled Lake Junior High should be converted to a multiservice building and improvements made to Smart Junior High and both Walled Lake and Western high schools, the committee recommended.

How to finance the projects was not addressed in the report, but Moskalik said a bond issue is the only alternative.

An oral presentation and discussion of the report is planned for a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, in the media center of Walled Lake Junior High School, 615 N. Pontiac Trail.

AMONG THE specific recommendations are:

- Changing the use of Walled Lake Junior High to house community education services and other community-related services, media services and the maintenance department.

The structure is considered too old and inadequate for current requirements as a junior high and too small for projected enrollment.

- Construct a new junior high in a location to be determined by property availability and population density.

- Construct one new elementary school of 25 classrooms immediately where student population dictates.

- Construct a new bus maintenance facility, parking area, warehouse and administration building on a 25-acre location determined by zoning and land availability.

- The move will assemble all central office administrators in one building and provide an option for the city of Walled Lake to extend Maple Road.

- Improve Central High School to provide additional parking, a larger

cafeteria and 10 classrooms. The cafeteria could be converted to a media center, and the media center to classroom space.

- Improve Western High School to provide tennis courts, expand media center, and expand vocal and instrumental music practice rooms.

- Improve Smart Junior High by adding new gym bleachers, expanding the media center, providing for second computer lab, resurfacing tennis courts, improving the athletic fields and adding parking space.

- Construct a second elementary school by 1991/93 in an area to be determined by student population density.

THE TASK FORCE was charged by the school board early this fall

with evaluating present facilities as to age, use and condition; determining and setting priorities for short- and long-range needs; presenting alternate solutions, and determining financial funding sources.

Members included Marc Belsky, William Bell, Mike Dornan, Jerry Frohlich, Chris Gonca, the Rev. Leslie Harding, Georgine Hayes, Charles Krasaw, Greg Kreutzer, John Marshall, Bonnie Mathis, Circuit Court Judge Gene Schenel and board members Esther Melnits and Joel Silberblatt.

Some of the data considered in the study was a summary of new housing developments, elementary enrollment projections and earlier study committee reports on secondary facilities and conversion from junior high to middle schools, maintenance needs reports and a survey of unused land holdings.

Refresher course on production slated

Our television and radio workshops have been offered each month for the past several years. A recent study has shown that of those who graduate, 50 percent go on to produce or crew on shows. The other 50 percent have requested additional support beyond that which has been offered.

Therefore, a certification refresher workshop will be added to the lineup entitled: "Production: Putting Your Ideas To Work."

The cable commission staff will teach this session. Workshop attendees will meet our staff, review available resources and discuss in-depth production and equipment questions. We will host individualized planning sessions.

The workshop may facilitate 25 participants, 15 of which will have just completed the first four sessions. Ten "refresher" positions will be open each month. Call for your reservation 473-7266 to meet with our staff, Mary Calderone, Donnell Conway, John Enright, Judy Kral, David Tietmeyer, Todd Whitman and myself, Lark Samouelian Reid.

Happy Holidays!

COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

Channel 18
Monday, Dec. 28

- 10 a.m. — Library Storytime: bear stories.
- 10:30 a.m. — Dr. Bob's Funhouse: Dinosaurs at Cranbrook.
- 11:30 a.m. — Library Storytime: monkey stories.

- Noon — Perceptions: art of packing.
- 12:30 p.m. — Travels with Kay: Baltic States, Part II.

- 1 p.m. — Serendipity: Christmas (Children's show).
- 1:30 p.m. — Sports Scene: High school basketball: North Farmington vs Harrison.

- 3 p.m. — Sports Scene: Novi Motor Sport No. 2.
- 3:30 p.m. — Sports Scene: Novi Youth Assistance Bowls.

- 4 p.m. — Producer of the Month: What would we do without crew?
- 8 p.m. — Funtime with Rosco the Clown & Mr. Tris: Mrs. Weiss' 1st grade.

- 6:30 p.m. — Travels with Kay: Baltic States, Part II.
- 7 p.m. — Around the World: India.

- 7:30 p.m. — A Visit with Santa: Santa Comes to Channel 18.



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Tuesday, Dec. 29

- 10 a.m. — Dr. Bob's Funhouse: Parks & Rec. offerings.
- 11 a.m. — Dr. Bob's Funhouse: answering machine.
- Noon — Elizabeth Clare Prophet.

- 1 p.m. — Inside City Hall: City of Novi.
- 1:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Cross-Country Ski Seminar.

- 2:30 p.m. — Community Update.
- 3 p.m. — Grande Beat: teen dance show.

- 6 p.m. — Senior Messenger: Farmington Hills Senior Citizens.
- 7 p.m. — Sports Yesterday/Today: Antique sports pictures.

- 7:30 p.m. — Drinking and driving: a bad combination.
- 8 p.m. — Jaycees focus on the Farmington area: Kim Betha, career center.

- 8:30 p.m. — Community Update.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

- 10 a.m. — Library Storytime: animal stories.
- 10:30 a.m. — Dr. Bob's Funhouse: Paper cup art.

- 11:30 a.m. — Library Storytime: magic storytime.
- Noon — Quest for Better Living: Wills, trusts, avoiding probate.

- 12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine: features from Michigan.
- 1 p.m. — Art in Review: theater and movie reviews.

- 1:30 p.m. — Sports Yesterday/Today: antique sports pictures.
- 2 p.m. — Around the World: India.

- 2:30 p.m. — Jaycees focus on the Farmington area: Kim Betha, career center.
- 3 p.m. — Transitions: Issues for Women: coping with cancer, replay of live show.

- 4 p.m. — Producer of the Month: What would we do without crew?
- 6 p.m. — The Job Show: Job information from MESC.

- 6:30 p.m. — Farmington Focus: City of Farmington.
- 7 p.m. — Serendipity: Christmas.

- 7:30 p.m. — Inside City Hall: City of Novi.
- 8 p.m. — Transitions: Issues for Women: Coping with cancer.

- 9 p.m. — Quest for Better Living: Wills, trusts, avoiding probate.
- 9:30 p.m. — Today's World: Alan Wyatt, author.

Thursday, Dec. 31

- 10 a.m. — Dr. Bob's Funhouse: the Fitness Trail.
- 11 a.m. — Dr. Bob's Funhouse: Renaissance Festival.

- Noon — Cities Corner: Michigan Press Preview: Novi Government.

- 12:30 p.m. — Cities Corner: 1986 Novi Hotshot Basketball Competition.
- 1 p.m. — Open Your Heart: health and nutrition.

- 1:30 p.m. — Viewpoint: City of Farmington Hills.
- 2 p.m. — Funtime with Rosco the Clown and Mr. Tris: Mrs. Weiss' 1st grade.

- 2:30 p.m. — Today's world: Alan Wyatt, author.
- 3 p.m. — Farmington Focus: City of Farmington.

- No programming, Happy New Year!

PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE Channel 18

- Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. — The Mark & Dave Show.
- Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon, The Mark & Dave show; 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m., At Random; 1:30 p.m.-2 p.m., Metal Meltdown; and 7:30-9 p.m. — Inner Sanctum.

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