

Here's 1 more school aid idea

By Pat Murphy
staff writer

Why does L. Brooks Patterson think yet another school finance proposal has a chance for voter approval this fall?

Didn't voters send a message last November by rejecting two so-called educational financing reform proposals by nearly 3-to-1 margins?

"This tax cut proposal doesn't include a tax hike," Patterson said last week at the formal kickoff of a drive to cut property taxes and increase state financing for public education.

The proposal — called the Citizens Tax Limitation Amendment — calls for a \$550 million cut in property taxes and an increase in the per-pupil amount of state aid to a guaranteed \$4,100.

The proposal is expected to spark controversy because it would require the state to provide more than \$700 million without raising other taxes.

Working for the petitions was approved on Jan. 12 by the State Board

of Chancellors in Lansing but a press conference was held Thursday in Bloomfield Township to kick off the petition drive.

The drive seeks to get 239,180 signatures on its petitions by July 4 to put the measure on the Nov. 8 ballot.

A CONFIDENT PATTERSON, however, predicts the drive will gather more than 300,000 signatures — something that would provide a margin for error in addition to demonstrating popular support.

"I don't anticipate any problems," the former Oakland County prosecutor said. "People are fed up and they want a tax cut."

"Our biggest problem will be educating voters . . . and convincing them there is no gimmick."

Working for the proposal was drafted by Patterson and Patrick Anderson, an economist with Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance, Inc. The tax measure is sometimes called the Patterson-Anderson Proposal.

The measure calls for cutting

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property taxes for school financing to a maximum of 30 mills for \$30 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The statewide average is about 34 mills for \$34 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The Legislature will have enough money to cut taxes and increase school aid if it limits increases in the budgets for state departments to 2 percent and puts aside other increased revenues, Patterson said.

"THE ONLY PEOPLE who will fight our proposal are entrenched bureaucrats," Patterson said. Reminded of last November's election, in which two proposals for added money for education were re-

jected, Patterson said any message voters were trying to send was muted.

"I think voters want a tax cut," he said. "But they don't want another tax hike with it."

He was referring to Proposal A, which would have increased state sales tax from 4 to 4.5 percent to provide more money for schools, and Proposal B, that would have boosted the sales tax to 6 percent, with the money being used to cut property taxes and increase school financing.

Proposal A was defeated, 1,341,292 to 514,407 statewide. Proposal B lost 1,392,653 to 436,958 statewide and 191,392 to 22,505 in Oakland County.

State officials, including Gov. James Blanchard, are expected to oppose Patterson's proposal.

BUT ONE GROUP has already said the Patterson-Anderson proposal doesn't go far enough.

The group, formerly known as Citizens Unfairly Taxed and which included Patterson, is now part of Taxpayers United. Its ranks include William D. McMaster, a Birmingham publisher and former Patterson ally.

Prior to Patterson's press conference last week, McMaster criticized the Patterson-Anderson proposal, saying it would not preclude future increases in property taxes.

McMaster said his organization will launch its own petition drive later this year.

around Oakland

County parks on exhibit

A photo exhibit of parks and activities, sponsored by the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, will appear in the following locations:

- Farmington Great Oaks Mall - Walton and Laverne roads in Rochester, Jan. 23 to Feb. 13.
- Oakland Community College - Highland Lakes campus in Union Lake, Feb. 13 to Mar. 6.

- Pontiac General Hospital - West Huron in Pontiac, Mar. 6 to 27.
- Home and Builders Show - Cobo Hall in Detroit, Mar. 17 to 25.
- Rochester Hills Municipal Building - Avon Road in Rochester, Mar. 27 to Apr. 17.

For more information about the nine Oakland County parks, call 858-0906.

OCC non-credit classes start

Non-credit classes begin today on the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

Daytime registration runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today through Friday, Jan. 26, on the second floor of St. Building. Evening registra-

tions will be accepted from 6-8 p.m. through Thursday, Jan. 25 in the same place.

The campus is at 27555 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, near the intersection of I-496.

Puppets help kids say 'no'

Beginning Alcohol and Addiction Basic Education Series (BABES), a substance abuse education/prevention program for children 5-8 years of age, is being offered by Catholic Social Services of Oakland County.

The eight-week series begins Thursday, Jan. 25, from 5-6 p.m. at the Royal Oak office, 1424 E. 11 Mile Road, four blocks west of I-75.

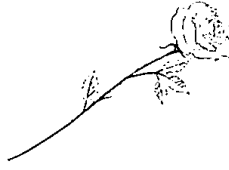
The program uses seven puppet characters to tell stories and en-

gage children in role-playing typical situations in which they must make choices, resist peer pressure and learn to deal with their feelings.


It is conducted by Tammy Dines, MSW, CSW, a professional staff member at Catholic Social Services of Oakland County.

Fee is \$40. Preregistration is requested. Call Dines at 548-4044.

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Consolidated Report of Condition of Liberty State Bank & Trust of Troy, Michigan and Foreign and Domestic Subsidiaries, at the close of Business December 31, 1989, a state banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this state and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authority, and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS		Dollar Amounts in Thousands	TA	TR
1	Cash and balances due from depository institutions (from Schedule RC-A)	36,016		
2	Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	18,000		
3	Securities (from Schedule RC-B)	61,058		
4	Federal funds sold	4,600		
5	Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0		
6	Loans and lease financing receivables			
7	a) Loans and leases, net of unearned income (from Schedule RC-C)	343,685		
8	b) LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	4,146		
9	c) Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 7, minus 8, and 4, b)	339,539		
10	Assets held in trading accounts (from Schedule RC-B)	7,205		
11	Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	240		
12	Other real estate owned	240		
13	Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	6		
14	Customers' liability to the bank on acceptances outstanding	0		
15	Intangible assets (from Schedule RC-M)	20		
16	Other assets (from Schedule RC-F)	5,768		
17	Total assets (sum of items 1 through 16)	485,909		

LIABILITIES		Dollar Amounts in Thousands	TA	TR
18	Deposits	431,476		
19	a) Noninterest-bearing (from Schedule RC-E)	102,827		
20	b) Interest-bearing	328,649		
21	c) Foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	0		
22	d) Noninterest-bearing	0		
23	e) Interest-bearing	0		
24	Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0		
25	a) Federal funds purchased	0		
26	b) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,144		
27	c) Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	5,010		
28	Other borrowed money	0		
29	Mortgage interest fees and obligations under capitalized leases	0		
30	Bank's liability on acceptance created and outstanding	0		
31	Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	1,500		
32	Other liabilities (from Schedule RC-D)	4,955		
33	Total liabilities (sum of items 18 through 32)	443,185		
34	Limited-life preferred stock	0		

EQUITY CAPITAL		Dollar Amounts in Thousands	TA	TR
35	Perpetual preferred stock	0		
36	Common stock	3,312		
37	Surplus	23,336		
38	Undivided profits and capital reserves	13,074		
39	a) LESS: Net unrealized losses on marketable equity securities	0		
40	Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	0		
41	Total equity capital (sum of items 35 through 40)	39,722		
42	Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity (sum of items 21, 22, and 28)	485,909		

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Robert L. Dorke, Senior Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, of the above named bank, do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the State Banking Authority and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this Report of Condition, and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in accordance with the instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the State Banking Authority and is true and correct.

Robert L. Dorke
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