

District prepares to make its reports public

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staff writer

Farmington school officials are gearing up for a new state law requiring local districts to give annual reports to their public in 1991.

"More and more we are becoming an institution that needs to be accountable to the community," said school superintendent Michael Flanagan. "This is going to be healthy for us — there is some good to it."

He called district interaction with the community "a catalyst" for the district.

Public Act 25, which goes into effect this

year, will also require districts to develop three- to five-year school improvement plans, implement a state-approved core curriculum and begin meeting standards for accreditation for each school as those standards are approved by the state.

Annual reports must be done for each school building and districtwide, and must be presented in public meetings by July 31.

FLANAGAN SAID initially there was a dislike of the new law among staff members concerned about the additional work load involved. Trustee Helen Prutow, also a board member for Oakland Schools, said

employees of many districts are discounting the importance of the law.

"I'm happy to see us doing this," she said. "We like having it as permissive as it is, and working within a framework. I hope none of us are guilty of saying it doesn't mean anything."

The districtwide annual report will include the accreditation status of each school, a report on specialized schools and programs, status of the school improvement plan, details about the core curriculum and how the district varies from it, a student achievement report which will include test scores, percentage of parent attending con-

ferences, and a comparison of current data to previous years.

Individual building reports will have much the same information, on a building-by-building basis. Building reports will also include the graduation and drop-out rates.

Assistant superintendent for curriculum and staff development Judith White said Farmington is already on track for what she believes will be the state's core curriculum. The state has not yet completed a definition of core curriculum.

In the area of school improvement, White said the state was encouraging, but not mandating, participation. Several Farmington schools are already involved in such programs, including Farmington High and Gill Elementary.

Mandatory accreditation is coming, but is also not yet in place. Currently, the district's three high schools, plus Larkshire Elementary, are accredited through North Central.

Assistant to the superintendent Pamela O'Malley is coordinating Farmington's effort on Public Act 25. She has designed a format for both building and district reports, which can be followed by building principals and administrators.

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Bank president calls it quits

(AP) — Michigan National Bank President Peter Thomsen has resigned over a disagreement with Robert Mylod, chairman and chief executive officer of the bank's parent company.

Michigan National Corp. on Tuesday cited mutual differences between Thomsen and Mylod as reason for the resignation. Thomsen also resigned as a director.

Thomsen joined the bank as executive vice president in 1986 and had served as president since 1988.

Michigan National Corp. last week reported sharply lower earnings for the third quarter of 1990. The company said net profits fell to \$8 million compared with \$116 million for the same period in 1989, which included the sale of its credit card business.

The bank also said non-performing loans, those on which payments aren't being made, rose \$7 million during the quarter to \$139 million.

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