### Schools hint at vote on bonds

Farmington school officials hinted Tuesday that the district might consider asking vaters to approve a bond issue to fund future capital proj-

During budget and capital projects discussions at the May 5 school board meeting several officials soil they may consider such a move in 1993, as the districts operating budget gets tighter with the promise of more financial pressures from the state.

Superintendent Michael Flonagan said he felt attempting a bond issue would be "imminent af-ter getting our operational house in order this word" because the district will not be able to con-tinue allocating \$3 million each year for such

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He said officials would likely start discussing
the bond issue idea a year from now.

Dog Cowan, director of building and student
services, said the district had considered two gotions when looking at capital projects; one if
state legislators did not continue raiding money from local districts, and the other if they did. Option B is becoming more of a reality," he

Assistant superintendent for finance, Bruce Barrett, said in his budget presentation that a bond issue would be an option in the near future.

With the failure of a \$27.25 million bond issue in the fall of 1988, school officials continued to do much of the work in the district but were

cials prefer bond issues because they allow the debt millage tax to be spread over 10 or 20 years.

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Of the 1988 bond request, \$20 million was to be used for capital projects and the reminidor to build a new elementary school. Voters approved a \$7.3 million bond issue in early 1939 used to build what is the new Hillside. Elementary school on the district a west side.

The new shool bonding was the last bond is-sue passed in the district, and the last time the district approached voters for bonding. A new tax for operational millage failed in 1991, after the state reactured on unexpected \$5.4 million from Farmington.

Trustee Helen Ditzhazy raised the issue of a possible bond issue several months ago, saying she felt the public might be receptive to the idea.

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### Budget from 1A

Assistant superintendent for finance and planning Bruce Barrett, said expense reductions and job cuts made by the district last year cuts made by the district last year are parting Farmington in a better financial position than other dis-tricts in the area.

"The permanent budget cuts en-nacted last year preserve a degree of financial distallity" for the dis-trict, "he said.

The course from the course from the cuts included 160 jobs, reductions to sports and music programs, fewer offerings in the staff development area, larger class sizes and reduced cleaning schedule in buildings. Cuts were also made to the transportation program, which drew parent complaints host fall.

### School officials termed last week's propositional and continuation budget' and said they don't repect the coming years to look nearly as good.

most of Farmington Hills, and a small portion of West Bloomfield Township. It is the largest taxing authority in the Farmington area. Beginning in 1991-92, Forming-ton schools began diciting its total hudget into several areas: General Fund, Special Education Fund, Building and Site Fund and Debt Fund. Some details of the proposed budget intology.

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• A total of \$87.7 in general fund revenues, of which \$85.7 inillian is projected to be expended leaving a \$2 million reserve. Total operating tax levied is \$1.5 mills. The budget approved one year ago included \$84 million in revenues and \$79.7 mil-

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A total of \$9.35 million for context special education programs, accoming year.

That is down slightly from last The Farmington school district year. Money is 100 percent reim-trees all of the city of Farmington, bursed to the district by Oakland

categorical programs except for hi-lingual and special education pro-

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county and the state.

In the Building and Site Fund mere recenses of \$3.3 million added to a previous fund balunce of \$1.5 million will give the district nearly \$5 million. Of that, \$4 million will give the district nearly \$5 million. Of that, \$4 million will give the district nearly \$5 million. Of that, \$4 million will give the district nearly \$5 million. Of that, \$4 million will give the district nearly \$5 million. Of that, \$4 million will give the district nearly \$5 million. Of that, \$4 million will be contract negotiations are studied to a previous year. The district carmarks the average topages about \$12 per year.

Cuts could come by mild-year. Barrett also highlighted a min ber of expected cuts from the state including a continuation of tax has a sharing that takes inony from the commercial and industrial tax have, has of state funding for the employer share of social security taxes, and elimination of all state.

### Board goes to Phase 2 of Power School project

The Farmington school djatrict is moving aliced on plans to expand Power Middle School, in the second phase of a project which is estimated to cost \$3.3 million.

The school board diready approach the Power project's first phase for \$716,000 which is expect to include window readowment.

ed to include window replacement, new corridor ceilings, and electrical upgrading.

They voted unanimously May 5 to move shead on the second phase to more about on the second phase schematic drawings – extinated to cost between 325,000 and 325,000. In stopped short of approxing money for the entire project until they have had time to consider the project-d 1923 budget. First three percent of the staff-dies of even have their work closs-trooms. Said trustee Cathleen, Widds "Glearly this is something that needs to be addressed."

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would include a 20,500-square-foot, two-story addition on the east side of the building. The cafeteria and media center would be expanded, two classrooms demulished and six new classrooms added. The addi-tion would take the school to 100,000 square feet, which com-pares with the square footage of other middle schools: 113,000 at. East. 84,100 at Durckel and 90,000 East, 84,000 at Dunckel and 90,000

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Although he said he believes both phases of the Power project are "liminent," Superintendent Michael Flangaga said he continued to have reservations about using the rist the \$4 million earmarked, in the proposed, budget for other capital projects; because of uncertainty with state funding.

"I think that would possibly be a mistake," he said.
Flangan had said earlier he might recommend reserving the entire capital budgets as a buffer for future flanaciel concerns.

### Guilty from 1A

Green also spoke of the girl's contiming problems with Blair, "One of the problems the family is having is there is limited harassment by him," including obscene gestures

Blair's attorney, Robert Igrisan of Farmington, quickly denied the ac-cusation. "Your honor, it is abso-lately not true. It's just the re-verse, Igrisan told the judge that Blair's restaurant has gotten about 100 hang up phone calls, "It must be from her," he added,

Green replied: "That is absurd."

Antierson finally stepped in: "I want nothing from either one of you. Or there will be real problems."

Blair was arraighed Aug. 9 in 52nd District court in Walled Luke. He has been free on \$25,000 person-al bond.

According to police reports, Blair assaulted the girl in a field in Navi after giving her champagne.



Frank Blair: Co-owner of Gourmet To Go, Farming-ton Hills, pleads guilty to two counts of second-de-gree criminal sexual conduct for assaulting an underage employee.

### Brother Rice to graduate 146

Brother Rice High School will graduate 146 students — including eight from Farmington Hills — at its 28th-annual commencement ex-

its 28th annual commencement ex-ercises at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Birmingham's St. Regis Church. A Baculaurente Mass will be held in St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills at 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 14, followed by a dinner for the graduates and their parents at the Troy Marriott.
Brather, Rice graduates from Farmington Hills include Daniel J.
Chivas, Jasson R. Emery, Enrico Ferrari, Matthew T. Green, Mitch-ed D. Muritck, Stephen R. Rao, Kurt E. Raguse and Kevin Sanchez.

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