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"He's the one that got it going," said East Middle School Principal Bill Marlin. "He was the main force. He could see it would be valuable to kids."

Added director for vocations Earl Baumunk: "He was certainly one of the pioneers in the district. He did a lot of research ahead of time and visited school districts who already made the transition."

"I liked the new program we got into," Warnock said. "It's challenging for an old teacher like me.

All of us older teachers, we were all resistant to the change. One by one, we all came around.

"I had drawers filled with work sheets and projects to do. Then we got into a new program and it was like starting over.

The kids Warnock taught changed, as well. The attitude switched from exacting craftsmanship to getting done as quickly as possible.

Also, he's noticed fewer leaders as kids became followers.

Of course, middle school students are not always the easiest to handle. They test new found limits, more readily to question direction.

"You have to have a feel for the kids," Warnock said. "It's an interesting bunch of kids to work with. They have an abundance of energy. If you get them going in the right direction, you're all right with them."

His students crafted coffee ta-

bles, whittled baseball bats and made a forest full of wood crafts. "They would always make (the bats) too heavy," he said.

Some would swing by later and tell him shop was their favorite class.

Warnock enters retirement with new perspective on life. He's beaten lymphatic cancer three times.

The latter was placed into remission through an experimental procedure, Monoclonal Antibody Treatment, in which a patient is injected with an antibody that attaches itself to the cancer.

Warnock missed some school, but taught through the ordeal. "The work helped keep your mind off of it. It was a two-wy street."

Botsford staffer gets grant to produce guide

Linda C. Mondoux, a registered nurse and president of Citizens for Better Care, received a \$9,000 grant recently from the Metro Health Foundation of Detroit to publish a "Guide to Nursing Homes."

Mondoux of Farmington is director of Older Adult Services, Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

in 15 Southeast Michigan counties. It will be published in August.

Metro Health Foundation is a private Detroit grant-making foundation. The foundation makes grants to Michigan organizations for health care and in health-related fields.

Citizens for Better Care is a statewide agency which helps consumers of nursing-home care and other kinds of long-term care with information and advocacy.

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Lathers said one of the concerns is the school's procedure in handling fights. In both incidents at Farmington High, 911 was not called.

Building and Student Services director Don Cowan has said calling emergency help in such incidents is not always practical. Said Cowan in an earlier interview: "If

we called EMS every time there was a fight, we would have a lot of unnecessary calls because not every fight results in an injury sufficient to call EMS."

The overall pattern of violence, not just in Farmington, is what worries many of the parents. The group cites statistics, noting that murder by youths has increased 92 percent since 1982 and violent

crime by young offenders has increased 40 percent.

They want to get the schools involved, too. Asked if she'd like to see a representative at the Feb. 8 meeting, LaFleur said, "It would be nice if they did, wouldn't it?"

Said school board trustee Helen Prutow, "If they ask me, I'll be there."

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