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prime examples of stretching education dollars, she said.

"There's so much going on and so much to cover, and so little time for teachers and students to get everything they need," Feldman said. "Instead of cuts, maybe we need to look at ways of being creative."

Intervention and prevention are the best ways to deal with violence in the schools, Feldman said. One idea she suggests is conflict resolution classes and community service for combat-

ants in return for shorter suspensions.

"I think the biggest key, which is crucial to the problem, is parental responsibility and involvement," she said. "These parents have to be responsible for their children's actions and be involved."

Student safety has come to the forefront, especially due to cuts in bus service. Feldman supports the district, the city and traffic planners' efforts to make roads safer.

"I suppose it's another thing of parent responsibility," she said,

"making sure their kids know what the rules are at the bus stop, to keep them under control." Feldman knows parental responsibility. She has two children, ages 9½ and 5½, who attend Wood Creek and Fairview, respectively.

Her husband, Steve, is a tax attorney. They have lived in Farmington Hills for 10 years.

Feldman taught nursery school for a few years, earning her bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Oakland University.

The Chicagoand native moved to the Detroit area when she was

in the eighth grade. Her father worked in retail. She graduated from Bloomfield Hills Andover High.

She's a homemaker who keeps busy with walking, roller blading and skiing.

"I think as I grow older, I become younger," Feldman said.

Her energy has been boundless in terms of schools. She's experienced both highs and lows in that department.

One taxing time came during the '91 school tax election, which Feldman and other parents found themselves pitted against the likes of Richard Headlee and Richard DeVries.

The tax proposal failed.

"It took me a long time to get over that millage," she said. "It was a real rough defeat, and it wasn't a personal defeat. It took me a long time to pick my energy back up. We put our heart and

souls into that millage."

Now Feldman puts her heart into her first election. The time to run is right, she said.

She'll forsake a door-to-door campaign. Instead, she'll rely on mailings.

She hopes that will complete and punctuate the unfinished sentence she's left up to the voters.

Said Feldman: "We'll just wait and find out."

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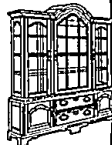
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