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ies to donors.

People may also donate in honor of Mark Nebus, son of Farmington Hills police Commander Chuck Nebus, who was injured in an automobile accident Nov. 25.

A secondary reason for the blood drive is to give Melissa an opportunity to thank people who thought about her during the months following a freakish poolside accident July 23 at Farmington Glen Aquatic Center.

Melissa, 16, is still recuperating at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital from a deep coma sustained when a heavy tree branch fell some 40 feet and landed on her head, fracturing her skull.

But she is now healthy enough to walk (with assistance), talk and even make brief excursions away from the Ann Arbor hospi-

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tal.

On Friday, she attended a Farmington Community Chorus concert (see related story, page A6) and was made a lifetime member. She made her way across the stage, with the help of a walker, to receive the award and thank everybody who kept her in their thoughts and prayers, said chorus spokeswoman Kathy Hall. Susan Garr is the chorus' pianist.

For Christmas, Melissa's plans were to visit her mom and grandparents at Susan Garr's Farmington home.

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I didn't spend much money obviously.

"So I said this is other people's money. They gave it to me for a specific purpose. I didn't use it; I gave it back to them. Every-one commented, this is the first time they got money back from a politician."

Those who donated to the Committee to Elect Jerry M. Ellis included partners in his law firm: Couzens, Lansky, Feak, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar. They pitched in \$100 apiece.

Other \$100 contributors were: Gregg Nathanson of West Bloomfield, Jeffrey Levine of West Bloomfield, Donald Wagner of Farmington Hills, Cyrus Kaseh of Farmington Woods, Phillip Sternberg of Farmington Hills, Stephen Scapelliti of Farmington Hills, Kathryn Gilson Sussman of Bloomfield Hills, Marc Proy of Farmington, and Renard Kolasa of Highland. Scapelliti was also treasurer of Ellis' campaign committee.

Councilwoman Nancy Bates chipped in with \$50 as did Lawrence Millman of West Bloomfield and Judith Antishin of Northville.

Vagnozzi received \$200 from Gerald Surawiec of Farmington Hills and \$100 apiece from Michael Shipiec, Carol Freedman and Neil Sawicki/Susan Davitt, also of Farmington Hills.

Contributors to Citizens for Good Government were more extensive.

Nancy and Charles Bates gave \$150 to the political committee. Those who donated \$100 included: William and Christina Horton of Farmington Hills; Peter Saputo of Bloomfield Hills; James Shary Jr. of Detroit; Paul and Lee Blizman of Farmington Hills; Gerson Cooper of West Bloomfield; Robert Sellers of Birmingham; Marjorie Colburn of Farmington Hills; Wilson Kassab of West Bloomfield; Bill Law of Farmington Hills; and Robert McCann of Farmington Hills.

Cooper is president of Botsford Hospital; Sellers and McCann is Time Warner regional general manager.

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strict for the 21st century because we have the resources, we have the community support, the talent, the expertise and the staff to do this.

"And we also have a school board that is very far-reaching and creative," White added.

The board now will study the report and get responses from all district teachers and administrators before deciding on

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implementation, she said.

"They're going to need to decide how to match the ideas with staff," Colliton said. "It's a big piece of work."

"This requires a tremendous amount of staff development," said board member Frank Reid.

Board members voiced concerns on at least two of the ideas.

One suggested eliminating two report cards per year in favor of two annual conferences between each student, teacher and parent. But board members Bobbie Feldman and Cathy Webb preferred both the conferencing and the report cards.

And Webb and fellow board member R. Jack Inch objected to possibly shortening certain school days to give teachers time for researching and planning.

"It's too disruptive for households and I will not accept it," Inch said of the "early release" idea.

Colliton and White made Tuesday's presentation.

Major proposed changes were:

- Using either "multi-age grouping," consisting of one big classroom for all first, second and third-graders in a school, or "companion schools" which house only kindergarten through second-graders and feed them into a separate grade 3-5 building.
- Instituting a formalized enrichment program in each elementary building, instead of just in the Highmeadow Common Campus, Hillside and two or three others, as is now the case.
- Enrichment programs are separate from core-curriculum studies and can feature programs in business, the arts and athletics.

Vet News Steven Zinderman, D.V.M.

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■ Keeping higher and lower achieving students more often in their general education classrooms.

"It would take childreep with special needs" including the handicapped, the special education, the bilingual and the gifted youngsters "and try to keep them as much a part of the regular classroom as possible," said White.

However, it wouldn't completely eliminate the need for outside classes, she said.

■ Adding a student assistance coordinator at each school "to further help students meet the challenges of learning and society," White said.

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