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vate schools or schools of choice. Brouillette, asked if the results of the recent survey might lead to some changes to the recommendation, said "That's the purpose of the survey."

One of the parents who spoke

Feb. 6, and who probably will be back for Tuesday's report, was Jill Glenn of Barrington Green. Members of that subdivision and Woodland Trails previously conducted their own surveys; most residents expressed support for a change, so that their children's safety would be protected.

Closer to home

"We just want our children (attending school) closer to home," Glenn reiterated last week. "It's not a reflection on Wood Creek at all. If we could pick Wood Creek up and move it closer, ... but that's not possible."

Glenn said about 176 of 250 homeowners in Barrington Green — during an earlier survey conducted by the subdivision — said they would be in support of a redistricting effort.

Meanwhile, a boundary change could lead to as many as 80 or 90 students leaving Wood Creek next year. If that were to happen, Brouillette assured that

'We just want our children closer to home.'

Jill Glenn

—Barrington Green resident

the quality and future of Wood Creek would not be undermined. "Steps will be taken to assure that Wood Creek is not harmed at all by the change."

Parents of Wood Creek students who oppose the change said they thought their children would be taken away from friendships or from a school environment they are comfortable with. Brouillette said she and her board colleagues are aware of that.

"In a boundary discussion it's hard to make everyone happy," Brouillette said. "There are so many connections that people make to their school, and any time you make a change, there's some disruption to it."

"So, we're hopeful there will be a minimal disruption, with maximum respect for the connections students and parents have made at their school."

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Milton Rose

Joan Littman, a teacher at Wood Creek. "When you saw them come in the door you said, 'I want to be just like them.' When I'm 87 I want to be driving to a school Monday morning to tutor kids."

The Roses also volunteered to tutor first- and second-graders at Wayne-Westland Schools' Walker-Winter and Jefferson elementary schools and at the Temple Israel Nursery and Kindergarten in West Bloomfield. Mr. Rose and his wife recruited more than 20 senior citizens from Temple Israel to tutor in the public schools.

In 1994 the Roses were selected as two of the Outstanding

toire, including Wood Creek Elementary in Farmington Hills four years ago.

"They were an inspiration to the staff as well as the kids," said

Michigan Senior Citizen Volunteers by Gov. John Engler.

Jonathan Rose said stories of his father's kindness go back as far as anyone can remember. One fellow told him that he enjoyed golfing with Mr. Rose because his consideration for other golfers was so strong that he compensated for his inability to hit the ball far by running to the ball after hitting it.

"He was someone you could always count on to be there for you, to do the right thing," Jonathan said. "He was a father figure to many people. He was the most selfless person I could think of."

Mr. Rose was also an inveterate writer of letters to newspapers and a member of an informal group of like-minded correspondents called "The Grumpies." It was in this capacity that he met state Attorney General Jennifer Granholm, who took a liking to all the Grumpies.

"Milton Rose was a quiet hero," Granholm said. "He was the kind of person we should all want to become — a gentle, self-

less man who spent his life doing unheralded acts of kindness for thousands of people. Milton was a beautiful rose among us."

Granholm also attended the funerals of two other Grumpies who died this year, said Ray Dubin, a Grumpy from Farmington Hills, and visited all three when they were ailing. "She brought a tremendous amount of comfort to these three elderly men in their last days," Dubin said.

Mr. Rose was born March 30, 1915, in New York but for many years thought his birthday was March 31. He and Zelda purposely set their wedding day on March 30 so as not to coincide with Mr. Rose's birthday. He didn't discover his true birthdate until he went in the Army during World War II.

Mr. Rose is survived by his wife, Zelda; sister, Elsie Benksy of Florida; sons, Jonathan and David (Allison); and three grandchildren, Jennifer, Peter and Kenneth.

Burial was at Beth El Cemetery in Livonia.



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