

SHARED

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 shared time. "This will keep operating costs down."
 Under the plan, three public school teachers would be hired under provisions of the Farmington Education Association, the teachers' union, to instruct OLS children in art, music and physical education.
 OLS teachers won't lose their jobs, Hurley said. "We may move some people around," he added.
 After about \$60,000 in start-up costs paid for by the public school district, FPS would realize about \$168,000 in revenue, according to Paul Barber, director of fine arts.
 OLS would realize an estimated \$150,000-\$200,000 in savings, which Watson wants to use to improve technology, library and science lab improvements.
 Hurley has repeatedly said

that those who oppose the parish's stance can leave. Parents who received tuition packages Jan. 31, read: "Student enrollment will be judged on an individual basis." Along with factors considered like parish participation, past scholastic and citizenship records, Watson wrote in bold type, "parental support of school policies and cooperation with the administration."
 Though this appeared for the first time in the tuition package, a similar statement has existed in the Parent/Student Handbook: "Parents who cannot support the policies of the school community or do not display a positive role in the school-home relationship, may be required to remove their children from the school."
 Following grade level meetings last fall which covered a variety of school topics, including shared time, some particularly vocal parents received certified letters citing the hand-

book reference.
 This has chilled the willingness of some parents to speak out against the proposal, which some fear would interfere with the religious component of their children's education.
 Parent Jim Wagner, who attended OLS as a child, said he and his wife plan to send their four children elsewhere next year. They are looking for a new school and possibly a new parish. Wagner counted at least 35 OLS families at a recent open house at St. Fabian School.
 About 8-10 families have left OLS School because of the shared time issue, Hurley said.
TUITION AND TEACHERS
 Church officials are touting the financial benefits of a shared time proposal. The Feb. 2 OLS bulletin mentioned the completion of a new faculty compensation plan. To help parents prepare, the article list-

ed two tuition scenarios.
 For the 2003-2004 school year, the base tuition rate (single student) will increase by 12 percent to \$3,300. If shared time is implemented, tuition will increase 7 percent to \$3,150.
 In the same bulletin, Hurley includes a letter from Monsignor John Quinn, director of the Department of Education for the Archdiocese of Detroit. Quinn wrote his support for shared time and encouraging Farmington Public School Board members to support it.
 Shared time is being used by more than one-third of the Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese, Quinn said.
 "By accessing shared time programs, many Catholic schools are able to enrich the curriculum by offering art, music, computer education and physical education," Quinn said. "Shared time programs do not change or alter in any way

the distinctive mission of a Catholic school."
 Rather than taking a survey about shared time, Our Lady of Sorrows clergy and school officials are gauging support for proposed shared time programs by distributing formatted response cards.
 Watson said last week he was pleased with the response but wouldn't cite the amount received. "I'm not prepared to give a number right now," Watson said. "Responses are still coming in."
 Watson will give a breakdown of the responses which specifically represent parents who have children in OLS School and those who don't, if the board asks.
 "Hundreds of people have indicated in a formal way that they support our effort," Hurley said. He couldn't cite the number of responses which came specifically from OLS School parents and referred that question to Watson.

DISTRICT VIEW
 "I don't quite know what to expect," said Farmington Public School Superintendent Bob Maxfield of the Feb. 11 meeting. "I'm sure there will be lots of questions. It's controversial for some and important for everyone."
 It's time for both parties to make a decision and "get on with it," Maxfield said.
 Maxfield told OLS school parents last spring that he wanted to see a strong level of support (more than 50 percent). Parents have asked how he can measure that without an actual vote.
 Hurley has severely criticized a privately funded survey by parishioner Randy Bergeron which indicated nonsupport, calling it unauthorized. Of 657 ballots, 123 indicated non-support for shared time and 62 supported it.
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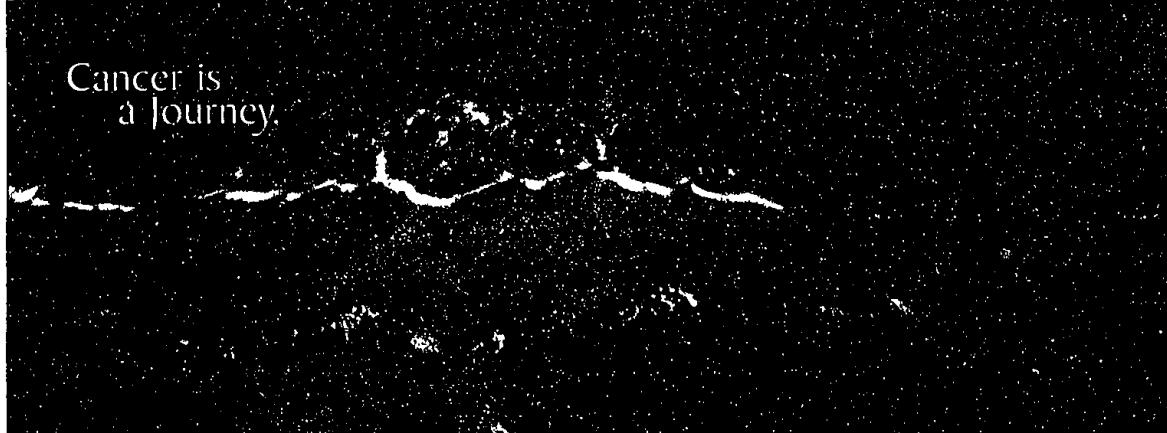
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