

Tyndale fund drive raises \$93.5K Fence proposed to stop NFHS parents from parking in private lot

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The staff at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills has raised \$93,500 as of Wednesday morning in members' goal to raise \$1 million by 5 p.m. Friday.

Eleven staff members sent out 10,000 letters to people involved with the Christian-based college and are now following up with phone calls, said Karen Mulligan,

spokeswoman for the college.

The school's board of directors voted March 5 to close the school after May graduation unless a merger with a similar college or a buyout could be reached before then, Mulligan said.

Eleven staff members hope raising the money will show the board there is support to keep the 58-year-old school from changing.

Mulligan said the board has not announced what it may do

after Friday's deadline.

"I'm sure the staff members will meet and decide what to do at that time," she said of the self-imposed deadline.

Meanwhile, she said, students are thinking of different ways to raise money, including one who put out the plea for funds on the e-Bay auction Web site.

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Earl Romans just wants his tenants to be able to use the parking lot in front of his medical office building, which is next to North Farmington High School.

And they can - except when parents clog it up by parking there to drop off or pick up students.

"They won't even let a tenant out of a parking space when they're waiting for their child," Romans said at Tuesday night's Farmington School Board Facilities Committee meeting.

The parents don't respect this is private property.

In addition to his tenants' concerns, Romans said he could end up being held liable in the event someone is hurt while on his property. The ongoing problem has led to negotiations to install a six-foot high chain link fence, the placement of which was the evening's topic of discussion.

Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance Cheryl Cannon said the district had proposed erecting the fence along the south and east property line, three to four feet

toward the school to allow for landscaping around it, while Romans wanted it down the center property line.

"I don't think that's visually pleasing for our main exit on the site," Cannon said.

"If we put a six-foot-high chain link fence around the property," Romans said, "it will look like a jail."

While reluctant to do so, Owens noted he has gotten from the city attorney language for "private property" signs that, when posted, would allow police officers to ticket trespassers. The charge would be a criminal misdemeanor - not just a traffic ticket.

"I think that's the hard way to do it," he said.

However, considering the district's financial position, Board member Gary Sharp said

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