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Hills Enrollment Growth Continues; Planners Keep Pace with Increase

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—The rapid pupil growth in Bloomfield Hills school district during the past 10 years is still continuing. Anticipated enrollment for 1959-60 is 3300 students, contrasted with 2951 last year.

Far-sighted planning on the part of the Hills school board, coupled with the tax-paying public's support, has allowed building facilities to keep pace with the growing population.

A summer building program includes completion of an addition to the junior high school, and work begun on a one unit elementary school on Quarton road and a three

room addition to Hickory Grove elementary school.

THE JUNIOR HIGH which was over-crowded last year with an enrollment of 686, will have a 900 pupil capacity with its new addition. It will amply provide for this year's 785 pupils, who will be

divided into 10 seventh grade sections, nine eighth grade sections and eight ninth grade sections.

A total of 675 students are expected at the high school. 300 are seniors, 250 juniors and 225 sophomores. This is a total increase of almost 100 over last year, when 162 were graduated. The high school, with a 800-pupil capacity, has several years before its facilities will be over-taxed.

THE 1600 or so pupils in elementary school will have areas of over-crowding until the sixth elementary school is completed in mid-winter.

Then it will relieve both Vaughan and Wing Lake schools. Meanwhile, sixth graders at Vaughan will continue to attend Hickory Grove school, as they did last year.

When the Hickory Grove addition is completed this winter, school officials plan to enlarge the boundary lines for that school, which then becomes a two-unit school.

That future years may bring a slight leveling off of pupil growth is indicated by the figures of this year's kindergarten enrollment. Only 270 were registered in the kindergarten "round-up" in June. This is just 20 more than attended last year.

HOWEVER, THE BOARD of education has prepared for future, as well as present needs, by purchasing land sites for future schools while they are still reasonable and available.

During the past year, 20 acres on Long Lake road just east of Telegraph was bought as a future junior high school site. In the process of being purchased are 15 acres on Long Lake across from Kick-in-the-Hills, planned as an elementary school location.

Other board plans are to buy several acres south of Maple and west of Telegraph on which to erect a primary grade unit (kindergarten and first grade) to take the load off of Wing Lake school.

Bloomfield Adopts New Arithmetic Text Book, Plan

BLOOMFIELD HILLS—As the result of pilot studies made last year, Bloomfield Hills school system is adopting new arithmetic textbooks this year. Also planned during the year is a curriculum study of English text books, in which new books in this field will be studied and evaluated.

Bloomfield Hills will also continue its pilot program of teaching French in elementary grades. This year's second and third grade students, who had their first year of French this past year as first and second graders, will carry on the experiment.

OTHER PLANS include the expansion of S.R.A. reading laboratories in the school system, with a laboratory established at each school and teachers trained in its use.

The Scott-Forseman series, which utilizes new teaching techniques, is the new arithmetic text selected. Teachers of nine pilot study groups, using this series last year, found results gratifying and urged adoption of the Scott-Forseman series, according to Mrs. Kay Flint, elementary supervisor.


In-service training will be given arithmetic teachers in the school system this year. Fourteen classes conducted by Dr. David Wallis, mathematics instructor for Oakland county board of education, are planned.

Proper Tools Of Learning Help Students

Proper "tools of learning" around the home, can help make a student's homework assignments easier, and also help stimulate greater interest in his work.

Every home should have a good dictionary and a concise, easy-to-understand encyclopedia can actually "grow up" with the youngster.

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