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Mrs. Scott Runs for School Seat

Mrs. Phyllis Scott, a leader in the black student boycott here this fall, announced Friday she will seek election to the Grand Rapids Board of Education in the February primary.

She is the first person to announce for the school board race.

Mrs. Scott is going after one of the three full-term (three years) positions. The posts are held by board president William I. Steenland, Joseph P. VanBlooys and Lawrence F. Pojeski Jr.

VanBlooys has definitely decided not to run; Steenland has not made a formal announcement either way, and Pojeski says he's "75 per cent sure" he will seek re-election. Pojeski was elected last February to fill out the one year remaining in the unexpired term of former board member Chester Bulhuis, Raymond VanTuinen had been appointed to fill out Bulhuis' term, after Bulhuis resigned. State law requires an appointee to stand for election in the next race that follows his appointment and VanTuinen was defeated by Pojeski.

A fourth post, held by Mrs. Nina Sleet, also will be open to contest. Mrs. Sleet's

situation is identical to that of VanTuinen. She was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Paul I. Phillips, who resigned, and must stand for re-election in February. She has not indicated whether she will run to complete the term which expires in June, 1971.

Mrs. Scott said she would push for kindergarten through 12th grade schools in every section of the city. This is in opposition to the school board's long-range master plan which does not provide for either a middle or a senior high school in the inner-city. That plan is under review by the board.

Mrs. Scott said she would like to see the schools desegregated and suggested it could be done by developing "separate, but innovative and relevant curricula at each school, so that a student would attend the high school that best qualifies him for his future vocation."

She said she would also like to see changes in the use of Title I funds, so that breakfasts and lunches are provided to disadvantaged children. She cited studies which have shown that children's academic achievements are influenced

by their nutritional habits.

There have been reports that Mrs. Scott would campaign against whatever millage request the school board makes to voters in February, but she said, "If the board shows good intent, with actions, as well as words, I will support the millage I've never voted against school millage and have campaigned among union members for it.

"I don't think that 12 mills, for example, is too much to pay for education. I'd pay anything for it. But I want a commitment from the board that it intends to involve more parents in decision-making and that it intends to reorganize its educational program so that the program no longer mitigates against students' developing the desire to finish school, so it no longer promotes drop-outs and kick-outs."

Mrs. Scott is the mother of four children, one a student at the University of Michigan. She graduated from high school in Mesick and has had a year of Junior College education.

She is a former member of the



MRS. PHYLLIS SCOTT

negotiating committee for Local 1231, General Motors Plant No. 2, former assistant to the city manager during the time machinery was being set up for the Model Cities election; a member of the local NAACP, Inner-City Concerned Parents and First Community AME Church.

She is a program coordinator for the Neighborhood Youth Corps.