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SENATOR MARVEL: For the combined school, yes sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: That is the one in Omaha.

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir, it is called now the Metroarea.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Let me ask Senator Mahoney and anyone else, are you in agreement with this for example, or do you want the money appropriated for a future year as an obligation from the standpoint of future obligations?

SENATOR MAHONEY: WE find that when we merged the two schools together, it was necessary because of the program which is going to be a very progressive program that the money was needed to start into three different programs within the Douglas a or the four county area. So it was....We feel that this additional money would be most helpful to get the program off the ground and get it started because when the new board is picked we are going to have an a..a...a beefed up and a program that we think that within a years time this budget can only see that through.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now is this appropriation that you suggest and Senator.....is that for what year?

SENATOR MAHONEY: This is the coming year. For the...

SENATOR CARPENTER: What if we attempted to ear mark this for example for the following year? Which would be an obligation that we would have to take into consideration and more so than if it wasn't an obligation for the succeeding year...so we would know how much money we could spend in one year.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Carpenter, may we compromise and ask that a portion of this...if you feel that this is too high for us, we do need it. Would you be willing to give us \$750,000?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I would like to move Mr. President, and I don't want to interfere with my good friend Senator Mahoney, I don't dare too. But on the other hand, I think that if Senator Marvel would agree, and I don't know whether he will or not, we ought to ear mark this million and a half for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976. Now that will give them plenty of time to get this thing in movement and give them some assurance that probably, unless the legislature changes its mind, that they can depend upon a reasonable position of having this money available at that particular time.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Carpenter, the problem with that is that it would delay this whole metro area. We have finally got the schools merged and we are ready now for action. This would further delay us another whole year. I think that I would have to decline the year delay and say that we have the staff, the tools to work with and we need this additional money in order to bring about the advanced program that we have into at least two to three different areas of our city and the program that we are going to have ready to go as soon as this budget comes into effect.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I will support your amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator Frank Lewis.