

number, I believe, of the reasons are that these...a majority of these students are on the line between Omaha and 66 and they've chosen simply to send their kids to 66, they've got friends who are going to 66. There may be, in some instances I understand there's particular programs that they're interested in academically that they prefer the math program or the education program or whatever, but these families have made the decision that they would prefer to have their kids go to 66. Both OPS and 66 have determined that their reasons for attending are not to avoid the desegregation, but that they have legitimate educational reasons for wanting to go to District 66 schools.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, and you said that District 66 is neutral on this issue.

SENATOR HORGAN: Right, that's correct.

SENATOR HALL: And OPS is opposed?

SENATOR HORGAN: OPS is opposed because they have a policy that if you're white, that you cannot leave the school district.

SENATOR HALL: But yet how do these students then be able to opt out?

SENATOR HORGAN: Because they are willing to pay the tuition.

SENATOR HALL: Strictly on a pay as you go basis.

SENATOR HORGAN: Right.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: All right, now maybe I've got it a little straighter. As I said, I certainly don't want students to be, that tuition has been paid or the state to pick it up, but Omaha, because of their desegregation plan, are the only district that would not allow students to opt out. And so then apparently it would apply only to Omaha and it would not open the door, and I hope someone can correct me on this if I'm wrong and I do want this straight then. It would not open the door for residents in Lincoln or Grand Island or wherever it may be because of the fact that Omaha and their desegregation plan, and