

that may be the exclusion of only 11 students.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Horgan, would you yield to just a couple of questions so I can be clear in my mind?

SENATOR HORGAN: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Would it be fair to say that District 66 had, you say 11 families that were paying tuition.

SENATOR HORGAN: Right.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: They were in the...they've been in the system for how long?

SENATOR HORGAN: Some of these families have been in the system for a number of years.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, so for a number of years, now District 66 is saying that they will not accept them as choice students because they don't have room, correct?

SENATOR HORGAN: No. They're not being released as choice students from OPS; 66 would accept them, but OPS won't release them.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, so even though they've been out of OPS for a number of years, OPS is saying that we think their being out of our system affects our deseg.

SENATOR HORGAN: No, that's not true either because these students have been out of the OPS...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That's right, I understand that.

SENATOR HORGAN: ...count sys`em so they're not counted in the desegregation numbers because they're not attending OPS schools. It's just like if your children were attending a parochial school, they're not counted as part of the desegregation program.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, okay. And so if we agree with