

community schools or full service schools, unified schools. One of their components that they discuss is this special ed component of that. This group is looking at how to bring that into this mix of full service or community schools, and I, for one, have serious reservations about the direction that this group is taking. We are already passing it in the Nebraska partnership project. You're combining juvenile services, health, Department of Social Services. You're combining those already. The Department of Education or all of our education component will more than likely be rolled into that partnership project at some point in the future if the concepts described in this concept paper are pushed ahead, and I think in a lot of cases, when we are talking about funding and we're talking about this funding formula, we affect both those areas of the social service agencies, the education area in the funding, and if you...I would really ask that every senator take the time, the ten minutes or so, just to read these pages because it'll be much clearer to each person who does take the time to do so what direction people are moving in along these lines, and if that's what the majority of individuals here want to do, they're...they're free to do so. But I think you should be aware that that's the movement of a lot of people who are out there who are working in these different areas, these community schools or these full service schools. And I think at this time we're supposed to be talking about the 1059, the funding formula here, I think you're jumping the gun combining the two here, and that's what the Schimek amendment, in essence, does, and I think we should have an opportunity to discuss this...this direction separately from what we are discussing here today on the school funding formula because I think the policy discussion that is in LB 1044, and in this discussion with the 742 study, that policy discussion on whether we should even have community schools that have social services in them, that have health services in them, that have the...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ...Office of Juvenile Services in them, that include special education in all of this concept, that that should be a separate discussion. But you are going ahead early, if you adopt the Schimek amendment, and bring that funding formula already into those changes, and I think...I think it should be kept separate until we come forward with the recommendations from the 742 study, and then we can look at that