

have the high mill levies that will cut down to \$1.10. When they make those cuts, and when you guesstimate out on North Platte, we're looking at 4 million dollars when you look at combination of spending and lids on the levies. When I look at my children going to that school system, I know they can't cut teacher salaries. Can't be done. CIR makes sure of that. I know they can't cut special ed. Even though we cap the spending, they can't cut the program and, in essence, what we have told the districts is, at this point in time, we're not going to give you any more money that's out there. Thank heavens, I was able to at least get a growth factor, which the Governor and others in the body didn't even want them to have that. They wanted a straight cap. But at least they have some growth factor--3 percent and 2 percent. But after that growth factor there is no...there is no growth for the state support of special education, but the mandate still remains. How will they support that? You and I both know how they'll support it. They'll support it from their local budgets gathered from the property tax, because you and I both know that the federal support is going to be declining in many areas. This may be one of those areas we'll have the great promised Republican block grant where we're supposed to feel great that we will have more control over the dollars. Oh, by the way, we have less dollars and, oh, by the way, the mandate doesn't go away. We know where those dollars are going to have to be taken from. They're going to be taken from the local budget. They'll have to get it from the property tax that we're going to have a lid on, that they have to do it from the property tax. Their existing budget, when there's no growth for spending, they go ahead and have to take it from that and where do they take it from? They'll have to take it from, not salaries, not special ed, not ADA, not anywhere else that's mandated, asbestos and all of those things, they'll have to cut from the programs. Do you think that the schools are going to cut extracurricular activities--football, basketball--and eliminate those programs? Or are they going to start cutting, rifting teachers of which, when they rif teachers, they will rif the youngest teacher of seniority, the one that has all the enthusiasm, the one that has the new ideas? They're the ones that will be rifed and those that are holding in there for retirement will be the ones that remain, or those that are just barely high enough on seniority they won't get rifed. They'll save money there and they'll start cutting foreign language. They'll have to start cutting children's programs, Title I reading because they know those