

multicultural and the diverse populations. Lincoln has a diverse population that some of the schools are impacted by more than others, so our school board has a real problem and they do want to continue. We have a wonderful school system in Lincoln. I don't want to see that school system dismantled because of lids. Now you say it's only two years. There are children there that will never catch up if they lose that two years of services that they are getting now. And I...it isn't that I really don't trust the school board, but in a way I don't because it never happens. It's always administration is never cut. We will lose teachers. We will lose programs, programs that are really essential to the children that have home problems, or if they have emotional problems. There is so much stress these days. These young little ones, little ones, come to school in a very stressed situation because their home life is not stable. So when we...when we start talking about what we are going to do to cut back and to tell the subdivisions they have to cut back, I just wish there was some way we could do that without changing the lid system that we have now. We have a lid in 1059 on the schools, and so I don't see why we have to drop that, and then go back to it. In two years, we are going to go through this whole thing again to try to bring some stability...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...to all those budgets. The other thing that is different in the schools these days, there aren't as many volunteers as there used to be, and there aren't as many teachers that cover for each other. They cannot do that because they simply don't...already because of the 1059 lid, a lot of those things have been cut back. We just simply have to look at what we are talking about when we are talking about schools. I don't talk about the administration, and I don't...I hardly talk to the administration. I talk and try to listen to the teachers who are in the classroom, the individual teachers who are in the classroom, so I know what they are up against each day, and most of them, 99.9 percent, they are dedicated to educating our children. They are the ones that spend the time everyday...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CROSBY: ...with our children. Thank you.