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with respect to high school education, secondary education, what it ought to be about is not preparing students for college or not preparing students for specific careers, but, rather, it is preparing students to be whole persons, to be persons who have the fundamental backgrounds to operate in almost any career, to be able to read well, to be able to understand basic mathematics and even somewhat higher forms of mathematics, to understand the world about them, geography, social studies, to understand their government and how it works, and I think in that context there is a special obligation on the part of a democracy, on the part of a democracy to be sure that all young students have a broad and deep background in all different areas because they determine the direction and the outcome of the state. They determine our future course. If they don't understand the geography of the world, how can they understand the newspaper articles that talk about the different countries of the world and what America may do here and may do there? If they don't understand basic civics, how do they understand the fundamental processes or what their politicians tell them is going on at the local level or at the federal level if they don't understand the basic mechanisms of government? If they don't have a basic understanding...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...of science, how do they deal with problems that come up from time to time that they'll have to deal with in their personal lives? If they don't have a good fundamental background in personal relationships that comes from literature and history and the different subjects that they learn in high school, how can they be good citizens? Does it enhance their chance to be happy, well-intentioned, successful, useful citizens of this state? And more and more in this complicated world this broad background is fundamental; and I think that we have recognized that in this state, not that there's not a place for teaching these things through the process of vocational education in many cases, but that these things come first and that we ought not to be encouraging at this...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...stage in their lives specialized career