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alternatives. And I just give you the rest of my time to comment on it. I suppose, in this session, for now, there's no point to debating the issue any longer. It does make sense to me to let the school district just look at it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I listened carefully to what Senator Robak...or Senator Bohlke had to say. And, I guess, I felt my temperature rising as she went on with her explanation, not because of what she was conveying to us, but of what I am increasingly frustrated over, and that is the inaction of the State Board of Education. And I was...I'm not good with analogies; other people on this floor are. But the picture that came into my mind was the picture of a swimmer, out in the middle of the lake, and this swimmer is the State Board of Education. And it first gets one life buoy, and it looks like maybe it's saved, and then suddenly it loses that life buoy and starts...this person starts to sink again. And then another life buoy comes along to save them, and pretty soon they lose hold of that, and it goes, and they start to go down the tube again. And this happens a third time, and I think that's the third example that Senator Bohlke was talking about, which, to me, is the most ludicrous and ridiculous example of all, but I'll try to keep my comments cool and calm here, and they lose that life buoy, that goes down the tube, too. And finally, finally, somebody swims out, somebody swims out and grabs that swimmer around the neck and pulls them to shore and starts mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. And, I guess, Senator Bohlke, I think that's what the Education Committee is going to have to do, they're going to have to pull this swimmer to shore. I think your idea is excellent, and I would...I would support you on what you are attempting to do here. I think we do need to have an opportunity for school districts to have input into this. And I agree wholeheartedly with Senator Beutler, and I believe Senator Tyson. Surprise, Senator Tyson. I do think we need an instrument here where we really can...can provide for some kinds of comparisons with the school districts in our state, otherwise I don't really get the point. And maybe we should just drift along as we've been drifting along for all these years, providing good education for the children of the