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of some of the repercussions of home situations for when they have not had a good start in life. Medical advances, I say, have also helped many children be able to attend our public schools, get a good education and be productive citizens. These all come with a cost. It's a cost that this state and this Legislature has always been willing to recognize. And, for those parents who have special education children, I know how grateful they are, and the schools have been very willing to open their doors and say this is our obligation, we meet it willingly and we wish to give these children the very best education possible. And, for that, I think we can be very proud. I think that the 3 percent cap certainly brought those costs down, but I do believe that schools have been able to demonstrate the growth in the number of students and certainly in the services that have to be provided to those students have been significant, and that as we...if we do not meet that obligation, they can only go to two sources and that would be to increase their levy or to go to the students in the regular classroom. And, as we see the percentage drop from schools, I believe that we have begun to see that happen. So, with that, I really thank you for your attention. This is a major commitment and so it's one that I know you have given very thoughtful consideration and I hope, as you have done that, that you will not only support it today but when it becomes difficult at the end of session that you will continue to give this a priority and continue to support it.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Thank you very much. With that, I give the remainder of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. The...you've heard the closing arguments on LB 1243. The question is the advancement to E & R Initial. All of those in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 43 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 1243.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Do you have items for the record, Mr. Clerk?