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cards, so to speak, are really to determine the performance of public schools. And I might just add that we can really be very proud of our schools in Nebraska. And I think that's why we can take a little bit different approach is that we have had a very good educational system in this state. And it's not like many of the states where there are many, many schools that are failing their students. But we still need to look at this assessment, determining the performance of the school and actually with Senator Bohlke's amendment we'll be looking at the school building, each school building separately. We'll report the performance of public schools based upon the results of the assessment, provide information to the public and policymakers, and it will provide also some comparison to district peers and schools in other states and countries. And we might ask, well, why is this accountability important? And we've worked a number of years on getting the standards set up, goals that schools can reach. And I think it's because that the public really wants to know how Nebraska schools, that they are among the nation's best. The public needs to know what and how well its students are learning. And I think that by having this writing assessment to begin with that will be the very first step. And the schools need the public's financial support to continue to be successful in what we've been doing in the education process. I know to some of you this is very complex because, as we said, at once we talked about one test. Now again we are looking at the writing assessment for the state, but we're also looking and involving the teachers in doing those assessments. And those are going to be also daily assessments in those other core areas of reading, math, social studies that will enable them; and that should be our most important focus is looking at student achievement because that...we want...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...the teachers want to be able to help each student. That one score, as you know, taking one test on a particular day, maybe you're not feeling well, maybe...I mean there are a lot of factors that can enter in whereas overall we'll be looking at doing multiple kinds of assessments. So I think we can really look at Senator Bohlke's amendment as being the first step in the writing assessment which will really prove a lot of things as students' grammar, how their sentence