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side here and which one of these cells will be filled in? We've got a state average column over here. What I'm trying to get at is I'm a student or I'm a parent or I'm a taxpayer. When this system is all in place, what information will I have available?

SENATOR BOHLKE: As a taxpayer with the amendment before you on the writing assessment, you'll be able to see building by building how they perform.

SENATOR RAIKES: And that will actually be in the form of a number.

SENATOR BOHLKE: One through four grade.

SENATOR RAIKES: Like a 1.6 or a 3.5 or whatever.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Right, right.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay.

SENATOR BOHLKE: And that rubric is already out there and it's just a one through four.

SENATOR RAIKES: And this writing test is based on the standards.

SENATOR BOHLKE: No, it is not.

SENATOR RAIKES: It's not standards based.

SENATOR BOHLKE: It is, we took out all reference to standards with the amendment so that there would be no conflict. It is simply a writing assessment, statewide writing assessment that's already been piloted in 50 schools.

SENATOR RAIKES: So 50 schools in Nebraska.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Correct.

SENATOR RAIKES: So do we or do we not have standards from the Department of Education that relate to writing?