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for myself and for others. Now with regard to the public school districts around the state and there are how many of them, 600 and some, right?

SENATOR BOHLKE: There are only 200 and some systems.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, tell me this. For purposes of what we're talking about today, an assessment system, are we talking about 600 and some or are we talking about 200 and some?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Six hundred and some, 500 and some actually.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Well...

SENATOR BOHLKE: Five hundred eighty-some.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Five hundred fifty to 600, right in there maybe?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That would be correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: All right, all right. Now there is no State Department of Education requirement for any school district to have any standards, is there?

SENATOR BOHLKE: There is not.

SENATOR BEUTLER: They can have the State Department of Education standards if they like. They can have standards that are equal to or greater than the State Department of Education standards if they like. Or they can choose to have no standards at all if they like. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So we have a system that has no state standards that are required in any particular form, and we have a system that doesn't require the public school districts to do anything at all with regard to standards. Okay. But we are attempting to say that notwithstanding the completely voluntary nature of all this every school district in the state is going to assess how well their students do compared to the state