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they have set up in their individual schools. And I think by having the school-based assessments you really get the teachers involved. You get them understanding what those guidelines are, what those standards are in their teaching and so that they have an opportunity to really work with those students. They also have the opportunity to have multiple assessments, not just one test that measures what a student's progress is during that year, but multiple. Another thing, I think that it really does help to improve student learning. We want our students to have the same learning opportunities across the state. We've talked about the report card. We'll probably talk about that a little bit later, but we talk about rating schools, not ranking schools,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...and I think that's very important when we're looking at this. Again, I think the emphasis should be on preparing students with the knowledge and skills that they need to succeed in college and the workplace, and I think that we must not forget that focus. I did hand out an orange sheet that I thought...that does come from the Education Commission of the States, their winter edition. If you'll look at number 5, it says, "What Makes a Good High-Stakes Accountability System?" Number 5, don't rely solely on a single test when making important decisions about students. Use multiple indicators such as grades, attendance, enrollment, performance assessments when making those decisions about promotion, retention, graduation, or rewards.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR STUHR: And that's certainly what we have right now on the books. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. We are discussing AM3092 to LB 812. Those wishing to speak are Senators Redfield, Raikes, Beutler, Suttle. Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Senator Cudaback, members of the body, if you want to practice law in the state of Nebraska or in any of the other 50 states, you are required to take one exam, a bar exam.