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something for lunches?

SENATOR BOHLKE: We...you quoted an amount, I thought it was a little less than that but, yes, we do.

SENATOR BROMM: And what is that? I said (inaudible).

SENATOR BOHLKE: I don't have it right now.

SENATOR BROMM: ...I said 1.7 cents.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I'll look for it here, Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Is that based on whether you're an equalized school or not?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I do not believe that it is.

SENATOR BROMM: What is the policy reason for distinguishing between reimbursement by equalized versus nonequalized on the breakfast, if, in fact, the goal of this legislation is to get more and more schools to offer breakfast, if they don't? What is the rationale behind that proposed policy?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I think, Senator Bromm, it had to do initially with cost. And as we were discussing it and looking at the cost to provide to different schools, federal dollars obviously wouldn't be looking at if schools were equalized or nonequalized. But in trying to reduce the cost and thinking if we were putting this out there for schools to start, that the schools that were the neediest would get the incentive first. And then, if Senator Wehrbein or anyone were correct that we wanted to take it statewide for all schools, we could do that.

SENATOR BROMM: What is the difference in fiscal cost if you forget about the equalized threshold?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Bromm, I can get that to you. I'm trying to...how many...we know that about 70 percent of our students are in equalized school districts, so,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.