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assessment for the first year. That means...tell me what what means.

SENATOR BOHLKE: That means next year the children in Table Rock, well, Table Rock is still...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Humboldt-Table Rock-Steiner.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Ah, well, in third, eighth, I mean fourth, I keep saying third, it's in fourth, eighth, and eleventh grade will take the test that they've been developing at those local districts.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But those...I'm trying to get it clear. That assessment, the testing, whatever you want to call it, is going to be developed by the system locally.

SENATOR BOHLKE: It's being...they've been developing them now, working on it with the department for about two years actually.

SENATOR VRTISKA: The reason I ask, everybody is not going to go off a different direction. They're following a standard that's being sort of developed. Is that correct?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's correct.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, then to follow up on the next line, it says that the...following the first assessment the department shall contract with independent recognized assessment experts to review and rate locally developed assessments. So tell me what that means.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Okay. This next fall fourth graders in 580 school districts will be taking all kinds of, however we don't know, but tests that are developed all out in those local districts. Maybe there will be 300. At the end of that, they're going to turn them in to the testing company in...the next time around in reading, there will be four that they would choose from that had been locally developed, the four best.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But these...the second round when they are developed or reviewed by a testing company or whatever you want