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out from underneath them. Like I said, this gives them the affirmation, again, that they could go forward with it, and I think will generate other interest with school districts. So once again, I thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...hope that we would move the amendment that I have along, and then support the Wehrbein amendment, which will follow. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I too want to support this amendment and also the Wehrbein amendment. This is very important to schools in my district. We have just gone through a unification with five different schools. I think four of them are from Senator Schrock's district, and one from mine. They have already had the news release, the press conference, about a month ago. And they have gone to a lot of work, and all five of the school districts are very excited about this. They've also already designated two superintendents to be superintendents over the...all five schools. And the lead superintendent, they've set up distance learning classes, how they can save money doing that. This is something that we've been asking them to do for some time, and I know there's been some discussion on the floor already this year saying that we need fewer school districts than we have now. And I think it's already being done. We don't need to force it anymore. And we've given them incentive to do this. And after they've already done it, to come and say that there's not enough funds to accomplish what they've tried to do, to satisfy what the demands have been from the state, is grossly unfair. Also, two other schools in my district have already consolidated. So it's already happened. And they were really planning on these funds, and it would be a poor excuse to tell them that they wouldn't have the money available. I can understand if it's not...if there's not enough money in the future. At least the schools that are looking into it now know there is not enough money, will go into it with their eyes wide open and not be in surprise after they've already accomplished what we've asked them to do. So I think it's very important that we do this. And I'm glad