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there with the highest levy in the state, that has not voted to exceed the levy lid of a dollar twenty-two point eight. And I asked some people, how did they get there? And this is how they got there: retirement. And I don't have the answers. Or, I should have done some more research. But I'm going to lean on Senator Raikes, and maybe he can get ready for these. How...is there a levy limit on some of these issues outside the lid now? And the big one they're using out there is voluntary termination agreements with certificated employees. I think they've got about 11 cents levied for that now, meaning voluntary buy-outs, termination agreements, and so on, early retirement. And that other 22.8 cents, the rest of...about half of it, there's lease purchase agreements and so on. And that leads me to my question, or questions. This bill further expands upon those. There's life safety code, indoor air quality, mold abatement, prevention projects that also are going to be outside the levy lid, and may be funded with bonds, may be authorized for these specific projects without a vote of the people. This...and here's my question, Senator Raikes. Is that...what's the limit on this bonding that can be done with outside of a vote of the people? Obviously, this school district out west here has 22.8 cents outside the levy now. How much more are they going to be able to do here with what the bill we're debating now does? Do you have a...is that the 5.2 cents? Or how...is there a limit on that?

SENATOR RAIKES: (Microphone malfunction) ...point two would be the...

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Raikes, would you respond?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes. Five point two, Senator Baker, would be the total that would be allowed. So if they...if the 22 cent district that you're talking about has some already out of that 5.2, they would only be allowed to go to 5.2 for a total.

SENATOR BAKER: I...

SENATOR RAIKES: That...

SENATOR BAKER: Okay. I understand. So they could...I don't