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and those remaining team leaders will only be paid half of the stipend they were given this year. That's a \$2,300 difference in the pockets of teachers. We reduced...and this really kills me...we reduced our reading teachers from three to two. This will cause larger class size, going from approximately 15 to 20 in a reading class, to 20 to 25. The basis for students being placed in reading was also lowered. If students were below the sixtieth percentile in reading this year on achievement tests, they were required to take reading. For next year, only those who score below the fiftieth percentile will be required to take reading. Obviously, this cut will affect the reading levels of our students and make a difference in scores on future tests, and we need to think about that and the kinds of testing that we're requiring these days. The budget cuts are forcing the district and buildings to use the factory model that one size fits all, when truly one size fits none. Goodrich will be 48 percent free and reduced lunch students next year. These cuts definitely hurt our students. The majority of the cuts are affecting at-risk, special education, and unsuccessful students. Due to the budget cuts, shifting from a seventh grade .o ninth grade school, to a sixth grade to eighth grade school, and losing students due to overcrowded positions and creation of North Star Middle School, our building will see a shift of about 70 percent of our teaching staff being different next year. These teachers told me on Saturday that morale...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...is probably the lowest it's ever been in these schools, and it is very difficult, if not impossible, for me to support these further cuts that we're talking about here. I'm going to turn my light on and when I have the opportunity I'm also going to tell you about what the Lincoln Board of Education is now considering in Lincoln, and these are not for fun kinds of discussions. These are for real discussions. I think that we have our first responsibility to the children of this state, and anything we do here to cut more is going to be higher property taxes, and the more I talk the more I know that I'm not going to be able to support this proposal. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Jensen,