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close them down? The biggest impact with my position came when a teacher came to me, who's taught at the Class I school, yes, for less money than the neighboring district, but a teacher came to me with tears in her eyes and said, don't close us down; I like my job. She went on to say that she appreciated the setting. And were they out in the boonies? No. They were about six, eight miles from the K-12 district. But again, I say, why are we batting at quality with the intent and objective of getting to the few examples of less than effective, less than efficient when they spend money without any kids? Looking back at my experience--and I won't dwell on that very long, I promise. But we hear about people opting out to Class I school districts across the state. I know of people who opted out of the Class I into the K-12 system. Great. They have that option. Let them exercise that option. And there are a few students who went from the K-12 out to the Class I. Great. They're happier because of that. Now if the reasons for transferring to another school are real or perceived I don't know. That's not for me to decide. But giving them that flexibility I think is healthy. Why do we want to take that away? And that's in a more urban environment, if you will, where the transportability, mobility there is possible. Now there are other examples where Class I schools exist, as I pointed out earlier, for a different reason, and it's geographics. The attendance center is clear out there, and they need that to reduce busing. I would suggest that with LB 1048, the expenses, increased expenses...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: ...of personnel and transportation will far outweigh anything. And I go back to the fact that if we're all about efficiency and effectiveness in LB 1048, there are a lot of other places to start. I have a hard time explaining to the constituents in my district when a school district, with all due respect, like Westside exists, and affords their students many more opportunities than the neighboring districts. There are students who come down to Lincoln--not every student in Scotts Bluff County can visit Lincoln, their own state capitol. Some of them even go to Colorado, to their state capitol, because it's much closer. But those few who come down here,