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schools that are smaller than the 390, then, yes, that's a decision that the school boards collectively could make, but they would not benefit from this program.

SENATOR ENGEL: Then one more question. Then what is it if there are the schools that could consolidate and receive these incentives but they chose, because of this is the way it's always been, really don't want to do that, so what is a penalty for them not consolidating?

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, again, there is...there is a built-in financial incentive in the current state aid formula and the proposal that we have that I mentioned before that's out of committee also has a built-in financial incentive for reorganization. In effect, yes, that decision is certainly possible, but I think it's maybe described well by the factor in the restructured formula that says local choice adjustment. If you decide as a local system that you want to continue to operate as a small system and pay the higher costs, then our current formula...

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SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...and the restructured one says that's something available to you, but that is a local choice and a local financial burden.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you very much.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, if I could ask Senator Raikes a few questions.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Raikes, will you respond? Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes. Yes.