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on the K-12 board.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: In how many years, Senator Raikes?

SENATOR RAIKES: It would depend on, probably, the election cycle, when there are seats that come up. And I think most boards are at-large boards. So whenever the next election cycle was, they could run for the board and serve on that board.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Heidemann. Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Schrock.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to go back to something I was talking about the first time around, and that's just the fact that what I was trying to get to is that even though it may be perceived this way by newcomers to the Legislature, this is another step in the direction that 12 different Legislatures over the last 25 years have gone down, incremental step by incremental step. And this bill, even though the name "Class I" will disappear, still retains a specially treated entity called an elementary attendance center. And it is still protected in a way that no other elementary school is protected in a school district. This bill is not--and I know those who feel deeply about it cannot accept this representation--but in fact it's another incremental bill; it is not radical in terms of the progress of the Legislature and the attitude of 12 different distinct groups of legislators and how they've felt about this issue over time. But I wanted to confirm with Senator Raikes...again, Senator Raikes, if we could have an exchange, I want to talk about the protection of the elementary attendance center.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you yield, Senator Raikes?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes, I would.