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boards, which we count on, and have counted on for a number of to make a number of important education decisions on our behalf. This simply says that you have the authority as a board to make decisions about which buildings you need to have open and which you don't have open. And keep in mind now, we've hamstrung some of those districts. I can think of the one that's near the farm I operate. It's a Class I district that is affiliated with a K-12. The building happens to be three miles from the...three or three and a half miles, I would say, from the elementary attendance center. The K-12 district surrounds the Class I, and they provide transportation. So in fact, buses go through the Class I district to the other side of it to pick up kids to go to the K-12. This would say that that K-12 board, which represents all the ... would represent all the taxpayers in that entire district, would have the authority to make a decision about whether or not it was educationally or fiscally prudent to keep that building open. This is really all that we're talking about. We're not saying they have to close it. In a few instances now, as has been pointed out, we are saying that they would have to keep them open. really... I'm not sure that I... I think I don't hear criticism about that from the opponents, in that, well, gosh, you ought to give the K-12 board even more authority and say that they can make the decision without restriction. I don't think I hear I think, rather, I hear fear that even though this is a locally elected representative school board, they're going to do something counter to the best interests of the local taxpayers, parents and students, that they serve. I simply choose not to believe that. In fact, I think there's very strong evidence that that's not to be believed. They have served honorably. They do a great job. They're under fiscal constraints, as they, There's just not enough money for frankly, have to be. everybody to do everything they want. So again, I would urge you to keep in mind what we're really talking about here. We're talking about granting authority to a locally elected K-12 school board to act in the best interests...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...of the parents and students involved. Thank you.