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for the heads up on this issue, because when you mentioned it to me on Friday, I did not know when all these different class schools had their elections, because they do have them at different times. I think two to four years is a bit longer than I thought we just talked about. And, in fact, if you look at Class IV schools, it would be the spring of 2007 when they hold their...both their primary and their general election, so that would be less than a year. The Class III districts, at least according to the information that I've gotten so far, it would not be until 2008 when they have their...both their spring primary and their general election, so that's more like two years, two years plus. And then the Class IIs, I believe they could have their election in 2006 because they don't have primaries. They just vote in the general election for their school board members. So, by November of 2006, I think you could have that representation you're talking about.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hudkins, did you want us to interrupt you when...

SENATOR HUDKINS: (Microphone malfunction) Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's two and a half minutes left.

SENATOR HUDKINS: (Microphone malfunction) Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. You know, we've been talking about costs per pupil and how expensive these Class I schools are. Let's just look at McPherson County. There are one, two, three, four, there are four Class I's in McPherson County and there's one Class VI. That one Class VI, its cost per pupil is almost \$22,000 per student. The others are \$5,900, \$6,600, \$8,500, and there's one that's 0, so I'm assuming they're closed. So when these schools all merge with McPherson County High School, what kind of state aid are those...is that school going to get when you now figure the costs for all of the students on McPherson County's figures? Another one is Sioux County. Sioux County has eight Class I's and they have one Class VI, which, of course, I don't know the geography of Sioux County, but I'm assuming that those Class I's would all go into Sioux County at a cost of \$23,000. All except one school in Sioux County, all except one Class I, is less than