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K-12 spending. So even if all Class I's were closed, and it would cost nothing...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR HUDKINS: ...to educate the 8,000 elsewhere--and that is an incredibly imaginative projection--the taxpayers would save next to nothing, 1.3 percent. County residents value living in rural Nebraska, and their involvement in the governance of education as our state founders intended when they created the system of Nebraska's schools more than a century ago. In some of the information that we have given you--I'll repeat it--there are 44 schools in the state that have failed to meet the No Child Left Behind criteria. Only one of those was a Class I school. Some parents in Dawson County live 15 to 20 miles from their nearest Class I, and closing their school would force them to go another 20 to 30 miles to a larger school. I will have more later. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. On with discussion, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, these are some rough numbers, when it comes to how many schools, Class I schools, are affiliated with other districts. And we have quite a few that are affiliated with more than one district. And I'm still a little confused on how that property will be divided up if LB 126 passes. And I would like to speak to Senator Raikes, if he has a minute.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, are you available for a question from Senator McDonald? Senator Raikes? He's on his way, Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD: Thank you.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR McDONALD: Senator Raikes, I still am not sure how this property will be divided up, if LB 126 passes, if a school is