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miles. We have a student density of .17 students per square mile. Out of these 23 districts, the average district size, when you take out our high school district, which is made up of all the Class VI's, the average district size is 259 square miles. Now, in Cherry County, as you can see on the map, we also have a Class II district, which is a very small in student population K-12 district, and that is the Cody-Kilgore district, which is District...well, it's the Cody-Kilgore district, and it's in the north-central part of Cherry County. That's included in these figures. It's not just the Class VI-Class I system. In the Valentine Class I and Class VI system, we have about 843 students over that 3,600 square miles. The student density is .23 students per square mile. I can go through that and tell you the number of students in each of our Class I's, and the high school. If you would like that information, I have it available here. But the students, on my information here, the number of students in the district range from 3 students to 415 students in those Class I schools. If you look at the public road system in Cherry County, we have 1,345 miles, or .23 miles of road per square mile. That's the road density. I can go through on the major highways and the rural county roads. As you can imagine, the rural county roads are three times what our major highways are in Cherry County. And if you've been in Cherry County, you'll realize that we don't usually have those nice gravel roads that are here in the eastern part of the state, and they don't run on every section. We have a lot of trail roads, what we call them, in Cherry County. From that information, if you compare that to five eastern Nebraska counties--Cass County, Lancaster County, Otoe County, Saline, and Seward Counties, I'd like to give you some of that information. The public school systems in those five counties have 47,678...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR FISCHER: ...students. There are 34 districts, and they encompass 3,150 square miles. The student density is 15.1 students per square mile, and the average district size is 92.6 square miles. If you exclude the Lincoln Public Schools, there are 33 districts, there's about 15,000 students, and it's 3,100 square miles. Student density in rural areas, outside of