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elementary attendance center within that district, or the attendance center is the only elementary attendance center located within the boundaries of an incorporated city or village. Well, I'll tell you what's happened in my district. Had an elementary building that was old, rundown. The cost-effectiveness of it was terrible. To replace that building would have been a disaster. So we bused those elementary and high school students to the high school or to the grade school that are open. We have two grade schools left, just two. And those are inside a corporate city or village within that county. Someday I hope that there will be one elementary for that whole district. We have some old Class VI districts that have done that, eliminated the attendance centers because it was not feasible to keep them open. They could see the need of closing those attendance centers. They were old. So they did it. And to my knowledge, there wasn't a big uproar within those small communities that it happened to. That attendance center, or changing the grade offered without...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...the approval of 75 percent of that board, I think is a pretty good safeguard. I'm still supporting LB 126, and I will be voting against AM0086. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Heidemann, followed by Senator Price.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Thank you, Mr. President. Some of the things that, back to the fiscal note again...I was going to have a dialogue with Senator Byars, but I see he's not here. I'm concerned that in the General Fund expenditures, where they got their fiscal note, part of the General Fund expenditure is the special education. And I have talked to Senator Byars, and both him and I have probably a little bit a special place in our hearts for special needs kids, and my question is, is how, if this money is all figured, these kids can just go into the Class II, III, IVs, whatever they may be? Knowing the needs of the special needs kids, you will not be able to move these children into the resource rooms, the special ed rooms without expended resources, without expended time and effort. And it's