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perspective, if you don't provide it through special ed funding, you're probably...or you will provide it through TEEOSA funding in two years.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: And I probably asked that question because I really believe that, you know, you came in and wanted fully to fund that because if we don't do it who will fund it?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, I think you're searching for the answer that the schools will fund it because it's something that is required of them.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: And the schools are funded, if not by state aid, they are funded by?

SENATOR RAIKES: Property tax and other accountable receipts, but mostly state aid and property taxes.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Right. My point is I really think that we ought to look at maybe funding the community colleges. There are people in this body that will argue with me and have already stood up and said that. But I really think, we came up with, I think the figure was, \$283 million over the next three years in extra revenue, \$283 million. That's a quarter of a billion dollars of extra revenue that we can spend if we so choose. This isn't enough, evidently. We're trying to go back to the property taxpayers and say we need more property tax base. I don't see how I can go back home and justify me voting green on this. I ran on property tax relief. I put a property tax bill, that the Revenue Committee has not kicked out, that would relieve property tax. This is a tax increase. Anybody who votes yes on this needs to understand you are voting for a tax increase. With that, I'll give the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Heidemann. Senator Flood. And this is your third time, Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I think we need to make one thing really clear here. There is this idea that we are going to recreate the campus at Norfolk in South