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service even though we don't fund it up to an amount that would be whole?

SENATOR RAIKES: Right, two points to make on that. Senator, you're right, those services have to be provided. It's a mandate. The special ed expenditures also are outside the budget lid, so there's not a budget lid cap on meeting those obligations. If there are not other resources available, then you have to meet those obligations by taking away from other programs that the school may offer. But it is something that has to be done.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You answered my second question also. Where will these extra funds come from? To my years of being on a school board, there is only one source and that is from property taxes. Is that correct?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes. As long as there's property tax resource still available under the lid, that would certainly be the case.

SENATOR JANSSEN: But I thought you just told me those special ed needs were over the lid.

SENATOR RAIKES: They're outside the budget lid.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Outside the budget?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes. Yes.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. So what...

SENATOR RAIKES: But not the levy lid.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Folks, I just wanted to remind you, what do you hear the most complaint about, especially in the rural districts? I'm sure you all know what that answer is. It's property taxes. And if we don't fund special ed, which there is more of in every school in this state, unfortunately...we won't get into the cause of that right now. I think you all know what it is, or is a leading contributor to special ed. I think that Senator Raikes needs to have this. Maybe we don't need to