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the school safety coordinator, this position that has since disappeared, on what to do in that kind of violent circumstances. The school officials had received training through this kind of a position. Law enforcement was coordinated with and what was a bad day was not a tragic day because trained personnel responded appropriately. And not long ago West Side School had 200 students that were sick with the flu and, in fact, there was a planned response not only on closing the school but then getting the school cleaned and disinfected so that the virus wouldn't continue. The routine of what to do with old chemicals and hazardous waste is now commonly known throughout schools because of the work of this position, as it was formerly done. There is a state obligation for schools to have safety plans. However, assisting schools to come up with those plans and coordinating them is one of the functions that this position has done. Right now, for example, schools are being asked to consider what to do in case of a statewide pandemic flu. Let's...the assumption is that it closes schools for six weeks to six months. What kind of coordination will be needed at the state level, what kind of planned response in each district? Well, we're unclear on that score. Schools are going to have to come up with this plan. The question is, who will assist them? The answer is that either an overstretched person that is being drafted in from other functions, which is what we have now, will do the work, or, in the alternative, we'll fund for \$86,000 this position. The school safety coordinator also helps school design discipline plans, if they wish, and policies which includes training that helps identify and prevent bullying behavior in the school. My experience with Commissioner Christensen is that he is a thoughtful, efficient administrator. He has not sought excessive appropriations. I understand that not long ago Senator Chambers and others were successful on General File in adding two positions that have to do with the coordination with the Native American community, and that this is asking for yet again another position. However, I think it's a well-justified one. I support it, I ask you to support it, and that is AM2686.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. You've heard the opening on AM2686. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Landis amendment. Senator Don Pederson.