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it's because the school district is attracting them. They're taking positive steps at encouraging young people from the eastern part of the city to go out west.

SENATOR SMITH: And how is that being accomplished, transportationwise?

SENATOR BOURNE: They're...voluntarily, they get on a bus in the morning and go out there, some of them. Some of them, their folks take them out. Some of them, after, I would imagine, the junior year, they drive themselves.

SENATOR SMITH: So there is busing available.

SENATOR BOURNE: There are buses available, but there's nothing that says they have to get on that bus and go out there. They chose, for whatever reason, and I would say they chose at the encouragement of OPS, the offering of classes that are designed to entice or encourage, but there's nothing that mandates they get on that bus.

SENATOR SMITH: Right, and...

SENATOR BOURNE: And frankly, there's nothing in my amendment that mandates they get on a bus, no matter what anyone said this morning.

SENATOR SMITH: (Laugh) Okay. What did you say the numbers were, in terms of percentage of enrollees at Burke?

SENATOR BOURNE: In...the Burke neighborhood is at 120th and Dodge, and the neighborhood around there is less than 10 percent minority. However, Burke itself has 24 percent minority students, so almost a fourth of the school is of minority makeup, and less than 10 percent of the community has minorities in there. So obviously, we've got minority kids coming from other parts of the city to Burke High School.

SENATOR SMITH: And then you said Central was in a similar situation; is that accurate?