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I think the schools have done a good job of involving the community. I think I heard that you said that this could happen in other places at some time in the future. It would depend upon another Legislature. And Senator Raikes, that makes me very nervous and it might make me nervous enough not to support the whole idea in the first place. Would you like to respond to that, if you would?

SENATOR BAKER PRESIDING

SENATOR BAKER: Senator Raikes, would you respond, please?

SENATOR RAIKES: I will. Senator, there is nothing in LB 1024 that requires any other school system anywhere in the state to become part of a learning community. So it is voluntary, would be done by agreement, by cooperative agreement between school districts in other parts of the state. There are the minimum requirements: all the school districts headquartered in a single county, at least 2,000 students. But it's voluntary. There's no requirement. The other point I would make is that Senator Chambers' proposal deals only with Class V school districts. There are no other Class V school districts...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And I'm not...

SENATOR RAIKES: ...in the state.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...I'm not concerned about his amendment with relation to the whole. I'm more concerned about...would it be possible under the language of this bill for, say, all the other school districts in Lancaster County to get together and form a learning community so that the Lincoln practice of expanding its school districts with its annexation of additional area, generally the school district goes right along with the city boundaries,...

SENATOR RAIKES: Right.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...would it be possible for that to...practice to be changed by some kind of a voluntary agreement on the part of the other communities in...