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SENATOR PREISTER: So the learning community is the entire school district as it exists?

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, actually, the learning community is a collection of school districts.

SENATOR PREISTER: It includes the suburban and all of the other school districts as well...

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes. Yes, that's right, Senator. Yeah, so...

SENATOR PREISTER: ...and their voting rights in this superboard that we're looking at.

SENATOR RAIKES: The coordinating council, yes. There are certain authorities or responsibilities that are reserved for that learning community coordinating council, and then there's a voting mechanism for decisions made at that level, and that's by a collection of the...or representatives from each school district, but in addition to that, each school district has its own school board and they make all the decisions at the local school district level, virtually, that they make now, with a couple of exceptions.

SENATOR PREISTER: Okay. I wanted to be clear that we weren't further subdividing; that when we talked about learning community we weren't talking about just the north Omaha learning community or subdividing into a black community; that we weren't looking at the Hispanic community and subdividing that as...or identifying that as a learning community. That's not the case, is what you're saying?

SENATOR RAIKES: That's not the case. The learning community is the, actually, the broader collection of all the school districts. So both Ralston, Millard would be in the learning community, as well as OPS.

SENATOR PREISTER: Okay. I wanted to be clear on that. The other thing I'd like to ask you, it talks about the high school buildings which are not currently being used exclusively for