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anxiety than students in full-day programs. (Kansas State Board of Education, Master Planning Kindergarten Committee Initial Report, February 25, 2004.) Personal and social development is more pronounced for students in half-day kindergarten programs than in all-day programs. (Hoffman and Daniels, 1986.) Half-day kindergarteners exhibit better adjustment skills associated with personal and social growth than their full-day peers. This is Brierley, 1987, "Writing to Read, and Full-Day Kindergarten Evaluation" from the Columbus Public Schools, Ohio Department of Evaluation Services. Length of school day did not contribute significantly to end-of-the-year reading performance in the Wide Range Achievement Test, Woodcock Reading Mastery Test, or the Chicago Reading Test in a study of 650 kindergarteners in three districts. (Meyer, 1993.) Neither a full-day nor a half-day schedule emerged as clearly superior in a review of ten studies by T. Stinard, 1982, a synopsis of research in kindergarten scheduling in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I think the research is still out. We see that, in fact, the dollars are spent; the question is whether you get full value for them. Knowing what I see here, if I were starting a child to kindergarten today and the only choice were full-day kindergarten or none, I would home school.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR REDFIELD: That would be my option, and I wonder if, in fact, that would be the end result, that we would see more and more parents choosing to home school at the kindergarten year. I don't think that bodes well for attendance in the public school system, but it might be an option that someone would do. Now why would I opt for home school at that point, if that were my choice? Well, probably because I'd want my child surrounded by adults, rather than my children. If they're going to learn language skills, wouldn't they learn better language skills by being around an adult all day, rather than a whole roomful of peers, where they are talking on that skill level? So clearly the teacher has an impact. I think that there's a need for this when the alternatives are bleak, but I think that when we have a strong and rich home, that there are other alternatives that are just as valuable, without costing taxpayers the dollars involved in this program. Thank you.