

Gov. Ricketts and Senator Slama visit Falls City

(KLZA)-- A large group of citizens from the Southeast Nebraska area attended a question and answer session featuring Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts and First District State Senator Julie Slama Tuesday morning at the Elk's Lodge in Falls City.

Topics that go hand in hand are the high rate of property taxes of which a great deal goes to fund public schools. Governor Ricketts said a majority of Nebraska School Districts no longer receive State Aid.

Senator Slama noted that of those 88 districts that do receive State Aid, the Omaha, Lincoln and Millard Public School Districts receive the majority of the funds.

Falls City School Superintendent urged the Governor to continue to push for a formula called "Foundation Aid Per Student." Heckenlively called it the best possible and cleanest funding model he has looked at. Had the model been in place last year, he said Falls City Public Schools could have dropped the local property tax request by 40 percent.

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