

1 it. He is a very good lawyer, too, I might add. You may
2 never get that in the record again, Steve.

3 MR. RAVEN: Let me point out, you see, a part
4 of the problem here is knowing how this school finance
5 business works. We have a State foundation minimum program
6 which guarantees that every child will have a certified
7 teacher, 180 days of school, et cetera, and these are the
8 bases, statutory bases on which the State Board of Educa-
9 tion, including the State Superintendent, must prepare a
10 budget and submit it to the governor. We have talked
11 about the estimates, and the fact that they are subjective
12 to some degree, and I won't repeat that discussion, but
13 let us say now the Board of Education goes to the governor,
14 as we are right now for fiscal '67 and says, We are pro-
15 jecting this budget, \$348 per pupil times 800,000 pupils.
16 That is the key figure in your basic calculation. Then,
17 the next thing they have to do is break this down on the
18 basis of 45 professionals. This means anybody from Assis-
19 tant Superintendent to principal, vice-principal and class-
20 room teachers. Break this down to a requirement of 45
21 professionals per 1000 students, or roughly, 800 times 45.