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Frontier eyes swelling enrollment

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YELINSH, Lithuania — The pianist at the piano was playing so loudly he could hardly be heard. The crowd had grown restless. The doors were closed. The hall was packed. The audience was waiting for the next act.

But the music continued. And the pianist played on.

He was improvising a new education policy for his country. He was trying to change the way education is funded in Lithuania from a system based on tax dollars to one based on student performance. He wanted to make sure that schools are held accountable for the results they achieve.

Of course, it's not as simple as that. There are many other factors that contribute to a student's success. And there are many challenges that he faces as he tries to bring about these changes. But he remains committed to his vision.

In the face of opposition from the old guard, he has continued to press forward. And he has inspired others to join him in his efforts. The people of Lithuania are starting to see the benefits of this new system. And they are beginning to support him.

He is making a difference. He is improving the lives of the people of Lithuania. And he is changing the world for the better.