



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## EARLY PAYMENT OF \$8.5 MILLION TO KANSAS SCHOOLS ASSURED

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS--Senator Bob Dole has been assured by Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Caspar Weinberger that impact aid payments to Kansas will not be held until January or February as previously planned. Dole had requested the early release of funds so that Kansas school districts would not be penalized while HEW went through the lengthy process of drafting regulations to meet the current law.

"While this is good news for all 95 Kansas school districts that receive over \$8.5 million in impact aid funds," the Kansas Senator said, "it is especially important to districts like Fort Leavenworth that rely heavily on the federal funds. Without this early release Leavenworth, and perhaps other Kansas districts, would have been forced to close their schools before the regulations are implemented early next year."

Dole said the U.S. Commissioner of Education, Terrel Bell, informed him the payment action will be initiated Monday. "They expect payment orders to be completed by next Friday and school districts should receive their checks within fifteen to twenty-five days after that," Dole added.