



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## NEW SCHOOL FACILITY AT POWHATTAN

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Senate-House Conference Committee meeting Wednesday on the 1974 Labor-HEW Appropriations Bill approved an amendment by Senator Bob Dole which would provide additional funds for the Indian School Facilities Construction Program. The amendment should make available, during the coming year, the necessary federal funds needed to finance the construction of a new school facility at Powhattan, Kansas. Estimates indicate that between \$800,000 and \$1 million will be needed for the project.

The Powhattan School District has been serving the Kickapoo Indian population located on the nearby reservation, but due to the failing condition of the Powhattan School structure, the school is now threatened with closure.

The Dole amendment will provide more funds for school districts across the country such as Powhattan which are primarily responsible for educating large numbers of Indian children. Nationally, the Powhattan project has the fourth highest priority for funding of all the Indian school facility projects, and should be funded this year if the Dole amendment and the Labor-HEW Appropriations bill become law.

Dole's amendment was the only amendment accepted by the Senate during floor debate on the bill.

During the August recess, Senator Dole had the opportunity to visit Powhattan and talk with school officials and Kickapoo tribal leaders. Dole said he was impressed with their support for the school project and felt that construction funds should be available in the near future.