

Mr. FORD. They live off base and go to school on base?

Mr. BURKHEAD. No, sir. They go to the public schools off base.

Mr. FORD. This amendment prevents you from receiving aid for those children?

Mr. BURKHEAD. Except for the Armed Forces children; under the interpretation of the law at present, they say we can receive 874 funds for children of soldiers, but not for other personnel working on base.

Mr. FORD. We liberalized that in 1966.

Mr. BURKHEAD. Yes, that is the liberalization. But we would be happy to operate the schools on the post, but we can't. All we need is an Attorney General's opinion, and it does not look like we are going to get it.

Mr. FORD. But you are receiving the 874 funds for the children who are living off the base and attending public schools?

Mr. BURKHEAD. Yes, sir. Our entitlement this year is \$317,000 out of a \$2 million budget.

Mr. FORD. What portion of the total support for your schools comes from the State and local resources? What is the percentage?

Mr. BURKHEAD. About 25 percent.

Mr. FORD. Local or State?

Mr. BURKHEAD. Local.

Mr. FORD. You get 75 percent of support from your State?

Mr. BURKHEAD. State and Federal.

Mr. FORD. You said in your statement earlier that in 1960 you have not receive any construction money from the State?

Mr. BURKHEAD. Any additional construction money from the State; that is right.

Mr. FORD. But does the 75 percent aid you have include construction money as well?

Mr. BURKHEAD. Yes, sir.

Mr. FORD. Where does the State get the money?

Mr. BURKHEAD. Sales tax and general fund.

Mr. FORD. Does it earmark?

Mr. BURKHEAD. No, sir; it is not earmarked. We get about 1 percent of the 3 percent sales tax for school purposes.

Mr. FORD. One percent of the sales tax revenue, or one-third of the sales tax revenue?

Mr. BURKHEAD. About one-third.

Mr. FORD. When they put a \$16 million building program into just one military installation in Kentucky it has to kick a lot of dollars around in the sales tax collection. Don't they see that down in your State capital?

Mr. BURKHEAD. No sales tax applies on the reservation.

Mr. FORD. But there are a lot of people drawing paychecks?

Mr. BURKHEAD. We can't tax those checks. If we could, we would be the richest county in the area. We have the largest per capita income in the State of any county, according to the 1960 census.

Mr. FORD. You have the highest per capita income and the poorest school district?

Mr. BURKHEAD. I didn't say we had the poorest. I said we would have had the poorest system if it had not been for 874.

Mr. FORD. I meant poorest district in terms of income.