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RAHALL SAYS SCHOOL AID POOR IN REAGAN ERA

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) has blasted the Reagan Administration following a Census Bureau Report that indicates Federal aid to the nation's public schools has taken a nose-dive since 1980. In Fiscal Year 1980, federal aid percentage reached a high of about 9% and dropped each year since, reaching about 6% for 1985 and 1986.

"It is a shame that the President of the United States will not take stock in America's future by providing necessary aid to our nation's schools," Rahall stated. "A young mind is one that needs to be shaped and molded. We have seen in this decade a molding away from compassion, aid and humanity to one of greed, hostility and hatred."

Rahall said many other programs that have been advocated by the administration should have been set aside for the sake of strengthening the minds of our youth.

"While the President was sending millions of dollars in arms to the Nicaraguan Contras and Hawk missiles to the Iranians, school children in West Virginia were suffering due to a shortage of teachers, inadequate facilities and insufficient funding," Rahall said. "The administration is fearful that the Communists are at our back door in Central America. We must do something to aid those inside the house. We must take care of our home-front first and foremost. Unless we contribute to the education of our nation, it is my fear that the United States may fail to keep pace in the new, technological world in which we live."