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KS Lawmakers Begin Special Session

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Kansas legislators have convened a special session to address a state Supreme Court mandate on education funding and avert a threat that public schools might not reopen next month.

Lawmakers returned to the Statehouse Thursday after key Republicans negotiated with superintendents from various districts on a \$38 million plan for increasing aid to poor school districts.

The Supreme Court ruled last month that the state's education funding system remains unfair to poor districts and warned that schools might not reopen after June 30 if lawmakers don't make further changes by then.

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