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Arguments Concluding in Kansas School Litigation

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - A three-judge panel is set to hear final arguments in a lawsuit by parents and school districts challenging the way Kansas funds public education.

Wednesday's hearing was expected to last all morning in Shawnee County District Court.

Attorneys for a coalition of 54 school districts and parents filed suit in 2010. They contend the state has failed to live up to its promises to increase K-12 funding as ordered by the Kansas Supreme Court in 2006.

Lawyers for the state argue the Legislature did its best to mitigate the effects on schools of the recession that began in 2008.

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