



United States Senate

FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT P.L. 815 and the
mention of P.L. 90-102

March 20, 1968

Dear :

This will acknowledge your letter regarding funds for School District 209-U, Wilmington, under P.L. 815.

In fiscal year 1968, which began July 1, 1967, \$52.9 million was allocated to implement P. L. 815, and the applications received by the Office of Education amounted to \$87 million. In view of this it was necessary to establish priorities and your school was eligible to receive funds.

In October 1967 the President, by Executive Order, froze all funds and no one received allotments. Just a few weeks ago the freeze was lifted, and the Office of Education was informed they would receive only \$24.1 million instead of the \$52.9 million originally allocated. It again became necessary to establish priorities with only the most urgent cases receiving funds.

You mention that under P.L. 90-102 the funds could not be released. P.L. 90-102 had nothing to do with the release of these funds; this resolution was passed to allow the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to continue functioning under the terms of their previous appropriation until their appropriation bill for fiscal 1968 was passed by the Congress. You could not receive this money because the President froze the funds.

It is possible, however, that these funds may be restored in the appropriation bill for fiscal year 1969, which begins July 1, 1968. I will not know what the bill contains until it is reported from the House Appropriations Committee.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen