

Consult with us on BIA cuts in education

To the Editor:

At its September meeting, the Lower Yukon Regional School Board unanimously passed the attached resolution:

WHEREAS, the Lower Yukon Regional School Board is the duly elected School Board of the Lower Yukon School District, and;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs informed the Lower Yukon School District at a meeting in Anchorage on Sept. 17, 1981 that the federal government plans to close Mt. Edgecumbe High School and the 37 day schools presently operated by the BIA in Alaska within the next two years, and;

WHEREAS, the basic reason for these school closures is based on proposed budget cuts of the Reagan

Administration, and;

WHEREAS, the Lower Yukon School District had no part in, nor were they informed prior to Sept. 17, 1981 of the decision to close the above mentioned BIA schools;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Yukon School Board earnestly implores BIA officials to:

1. Travel to the villages of Alakanuk, Chevak and Scammon Bay to:
 - A. Give the residents of these villages the reason(s) why their schools will be closed;
 - B. Tell the people when their schools will be closed;
 - C. Inform the people why they were not involved in the decision to close the schools in the above men-

tioned villages.

2. Inform the people of the villages that the proposed transfer of 37 BIA day is an action which is exclusively a federal government initiative, and it is not an action being advocated either by the Alaska Department of Education or the Lower Yukon School District.

Passed and approved by a quorum of the Lower Yukon Regional School Board on this twenty-sixth day of September, 1981.

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