

Miller Seeks Funds to Replace Burned Metlakatla School

JUNEAU—Governor Keith H. Miller requested an immediate report from the Department of Education and the Division of Buildings on the fire which destroyed the Metlakatla High School.

He called for information regarding the immediate use of temporary quarters for the 100 students, preparation for repairs to the adjacent elementary school which was smoke damaged, and recommendations for emergency funding for construction of a replacement for the seven room high school.

Dr. Clifford R. Hartman, Commissioner of Education, received the report of the 2 a.m. fire from Charles King, superintendent of the State-Operated school at Metlakatla.

It is expected that temporary quarters for the students will be in operation within ten days. The possibility of using relocatable classrooms from other parts of the State are being explored.

John Benson of the Division of Buildings, Department of Public Works, was in Metlakatla last weekend to expedite plans for immediate action.

A spokesman said that Governor Miller is anxious to insure the continued operation of the school and would introduce pri-

ority legislation if necessary.

No one was injured in the early morning fire, the cause of which is still under investigation.