

BIA official to tour state

Charles Johnson, Acting Deputy Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Office of Indian Education in Washington, will be in Alaska next month for a series of consultations with Alaska Native leaders and parents of school children.

Johnson's visit starts Sept. 9 in Sitka with a 10 a.m. meeting open meeting with parents and

with the Mount Edgecumbe School Board and a 1 p.m. other interested persons.

Subject of the sessions will be the announced closing of Mt. Edgecumbe High School at the end of the 1982-83 school year and transfer of some 20 village elementary schools to the State school system.

Bureau of Indian Affairs education officials also will be

meeting in September with village leaders and parents in each of the 20 villages which still have B.I.A.-operated ele-

mentary schools. Purpose of those meetings is to discuss and answer questions concerning transfer of the schools to the State education system and to talk about changes in policy on village concurrences.