

Education meeting set in Anchorage

The National Advisory Council on Indian Education will be holding a full council meeting May 1-4 at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel and will include in its agenda a public hearing on reauthorization of Title IV of the Indian Education Act.

Also included on the agenda are sessions for the council to hear testimony from Alaskans on educational issues here and a closed meeting for reviewing recommendations from the council's search committee which has been interviewing applicants for the position of deputy assistant secretary for Indian Education in the federal office of Indian Education.

The search committee already has screened applicants after hearing nominations from Indian and Alaska Native organizations around the country and will present a list of finalists for the position at the Anchorage meeting.

After the meeting, the council will submit the list of nominees to the secretary of Education.

The third day of the conference ore open to testimony from Alaska Native educators and the Alaska Native community. Any issue may be brought before the council at that time.

May 4 has been reserved as a special hearing for receiving testimony on the reauthorization of the entire Indian Education Act, which expires Sept. 30, 1983.

The hearing will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Sheraton and written testimony is required. Participants have been asked to limit oral testimony to 5-10 minutes of summary of the written testimony.

The council plans to use the testimony in preparing its presentation to Congress when hearings begin on reauthorization of the act and in particular wants to know what the benefits of the act are to Alaska Natives and what problems require legislative changes to improve the delivery of educational services in Alaska.