

# Gaining Momentum-

## Regional Hi-School Concept Grows

The movement to have regional high schools has been gaining momentum, with two important organizations recently passing resolutions requesting that plans be developed for education of students within the state.

The RurAL CAP Board of Directors have expressed great interest in having high schools built in rural areas and several members reported at the last board meeting that the bodies they represent had passed resolutions supporting this concept.

Eddie Hoffman, who is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association of Village Council Presidents Community Action Program said they passed a number of resolutions at a recent three-day meeting in Bethel.

One of the most important, he commented, was that forced airplaning of students to other parts of the state and country come to an end.

State and federal government agencies were requested to develop plans immediately for education of students within the AVCP CAP region, preferably in the home village.

Mrs. Sue Linford, representative of the Alaska Congress of Parents and Teachers to the RurAL CAP Board, said that during their April meeting a motion was passed that their Board of Managers go on record as favoring the concept of — and requesting the implementation of — local area high schools for the State of Alaska.

This information was to be distributed to the State Legislature, State Commissioner of Education and State Board of Education, she stated.

The Alaska Congress of Parents & Teachers has a membership of over 10,000 and the AVCP CAP represents 55 villages in southwestern Alaska with a population of approximately 14-15,000 people.