
Boarding Program Uses "Group Home"

A boarding home program for rural Alaska students who do not have secondary educational facilities in their villages was initiated at Nome and Bethel for this school year. The program is new for both regional high schools as the utilization of dormitories was outlawed in July 1973.

A cottage or "group home" housing concept will also be used by both high schools. Under this concept, the students would live with a married couple who would act as "parents."

Applications are sent to the students in villages to determine what region they prefer to attend school in, and if they want to be placed in a boarding home or in a cottage program.

Approximately 100 students from Northwest Alaska would be under the program at Nome-Beltz High School at Nome. The Bethel Regional High School would take care of approximately 200 young people. Both programs would be administered by the non-profit arm of the regional corporation, Kawerak, Inc., of the Bering Straits Native Association and Yupiktak Bista of the Calista Corporation.