

School Boards

As part of their activities towards the over-all goal of "local control" in the unorganized borough, the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. Human Resources Committee joined the coalition of Indian-controlled School Boards, Inc., located in Denver, Colo.

Gordon Jackson, vice president for Human Resources, stated: "In their brief history of two years, the coalition has established its effectiveness in establishing technical assistance and educational development throughout the country. The organization provides legal, technical and community development services to Indian groups which request assistance in establishing their own school boards, committees, and organizations.

"We've been extremely impressed with their organization and have been talking to the coalition about their possible activity here in the State of Alaska. It appears that we're coming pretty close."

The coalition of Indian-controlled school boards is a national non-profit educational organization for educational research, training and development of better education for Indian people.

It's purpose is to promote better education for Indian people by helping them gain control over their own education. Membership consists of local community school boards who actually control their own schools, parent advisory committees, who have organized to gain control, JOM committees, tribal education committees. In all, at the present time, there are 104 member organizations.

Jackson is scheduled to address the Coalition of Indian-controlled School Boards during their semi-annual meeting in Seattle, Wash. on Aug. 8-11, 1974, regarding higher education in the unorganized borough.