

Where will school money go?

Local school districts may soon be vying with the federal government for students when Bureau of Indian Affairs schools begin next fall to operate like any other school in Alaska.

Up until now BIA schools determined how much money they needed for the next year and Congress approved the funding. The head of Indian Education within the BIA has had no direct power over the schools.

Nor have BIA school boards, made up of parents who have only been able to offer advice to administrators. And, administrators have been forced to hire from the national civil service register, rather than from within Alaska.

But those procedures will soon change for the approximately 40 elementary and two high schools operated by the BIA in Alaska, thanks to the Indian School Equalization program.

"The intent is to streamline education," said Lee Demmert, administrator of Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka. "It should be more receptive to local voices and tribal governing bodies."

As of 1980 BIA schools will be funded according to a headcount of students and their transportation needs. This is similar to the foundation formula used by the state of Alaska, under which "instructional units" (also tied to student population) are worth so much each year.

So, whether bush schools keep their student populations at home or lose them to BIA boarding schools in Sitka or Chevak will make a difference in how much money each type of school gets from government.

"The BIA should not get into competition with the state," Demmert told the TUNDRA TIMES. "We don't recruit students. In fact, we probably don't let enough people know that Mt. Edgecumbe is still operating. We should only be there as long as

Native parents need us. We provide a service, that's it."

About 400 students (out of 500 who applied) attended the BIA high school in Sitka during the last school year. Eighty percent of the teens are Eskimos from Interior Alaska communities, many of which will soon have a village high school.

Under the present admissions policy at Mt. Edgecumbe parents can seek acceptance for their children if they do not have a local high school program, or feel the village school is inadequate.

The BIA will then write the local administrator for a recommendation of the student. Youngsters from villages without a local program receive first consideration.

"Some superintendents believe that sending kids away to school doesn't contribute to the development of their local program," said Demmert. "We're at odds with some of the districts."

"The strongest voice we hear now is from the student who says a one or two teacher school isn't enough," said Demmert, the father of three elementary school age children. "They look at Sitka as a broadening experience."

He admits that enrollment in BIA schools "will drop over a long period of time, when local high schools become stabilized and large enough to satisfy parents and students."

Demmert, 39, said the new funding formula will mean a cut-back in some Mt. Edgecumbe programs, most likely in personnel, sports and other leisure activities.

But how BIA schools get federal dollars is not the only thing that will change under the new law. School boards will be appointed by tribal governing bodies, rather than elected by parents of BIA students. And, boards will have more decision making

power.

The director of Indian Education (Earl Barlow is national director, Emil Kowalczyk is regional director out of Juneau) will now have "line" authority straight to BIA schools, and education programs will be administered separately from other BIA activities.

School administrators, such as Demmert, will soon be able to hire qualified Alaskans for jobs at BIA schools, rather than necessarily selecting persons from the national civil service register who live outside the state.

Also, teachers will no longer receive tenure after a probationary year on the job. They will

now work on a renewable contract basis, as do other Alaskan teachers.

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Running Long Jump
Running High Jump
Hardball Throw

Age 14 & 15
100-yard dash
220-yard run
440-yard run
Running Long Jump
Running High Jump
Softball Throw

GIRL'S EVENTS

Age 10 & 11
50-yard dash
Running Long Jump
440-yard relay
(Team Event)
Hardball Throw

Age 12 & 13
100-yard dash
220-yard run
Running Long Jump
Running High Jump
Hardball Throw

Age 14 & 15
100-yard dash
220-yard run
Running Long Jump
Running High Jump
Softball Throw

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH BARROW, ALASKA

File Number: 10 - 79

Place of Hearing : North Slope Borough Assembly Room
Barrow, Alaska

Date of Hearing : July 10, 1979

Subject of Hearing : Public Hearing on the following ordinances which have been introduced for consideration by the Assembly of the North Slope Borough.

ORDINANCE 79-3 A

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY OUT OF THE TREASURY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1980. (AS AMENDED).

ORDINANCE 78-3 H

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY OUT OF THE TREASURY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1979. (AS AMENDED).

ORDINANCE 79-10 B

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A LONG RANGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL PLAN: PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN POWERS TRANSFERRED AND APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS TO ACCOMPLISH THE CAPITAL PROJECTS OUTLINED. (AS AMENDED).

DATED JUNE 29, 1979

/s/

Lloyd Ahvakana
BOROUGH CLERK

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Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks & Recreation Department
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