

Sitka ANB Camp Asks Firing of Warren Tiffany

SITKA—The Alaska Native Borthershood, Camp No. 1, is demanding that Bureau of Indian Affairs fire Warren Tiffany, assistant area director of education.

Their petition charges, "Warren Tiffany has repeatedly undercut or killed efforts by Native people themselves to develop and exercise an independent, meaningfully effective voice in how these BIA schools are run."

A long list of complaints against bureau's secondary school program is also given.

"BIA elementary schools in rural Alaska are often run in a slipshod manner by teachers who have no training about the cultural backgrounds and needs of rural Native children; and these schools generally provide their students with woefully inadequate education, with the result that a substantial proportion of such students are already many grade levels behind when they start secondary schooling.

"Likewise woefully inadequate is the education provided by Mt. Edgecumbe High School, the only Alaska secondary school

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that remains under jurisdiction of BIA and hence of Warren Tiffany, in that: Compensatory instruction for students who are greatly behind when they enter is given only spottily if at all. College preparatory curriculum is deficient and evidence exists that students wishing to go on to college are frequently counseled against this high goal... Virtually no effort is given to instruction in the history of language, cultures or arts and crafts of Alaska Native peoples.