

Classroom Expansion Aim of Kotzebue Board

The new Kotzebue Advisory School Board recently elected by the community, requested that Rep. Willie Hensley speak to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert L. Bennett to see if the Kotzebue school system can be made a high priority project.

It has been understood that plans to expand classroom space in Kotzebue are well down on the priority list.

"We need space for 200 more pupils right now," said Rep. Hensley. "We have had to improvise space. If we don't begin now to plan on building additional classrooms and apartment space for teachers, we'll soon be bursting at the seams and

this does not provide a very good situation for learning."

As far as high school education is concerned, Hensley said, only ninth and tenth grades are provided for and that the lack of space for secondary education may prohibit the expansion of the high school system.

The Advisory School Board wants to see the implementation of a full four-year high school program in Kotzebue to serve the region.

William Jones, chairman of the Kotzebue board, is spearheading his group to find ways to improve the school system.

"The Board feels the single most immediate need

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is for additional space. It also indicated that parents

feel their children should not have to travel outside to obtain high school education," said Hensley.

He said there was an immediate need for four additional classrooms and that the Board was anxious that construction begins in the near future.