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Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs David Anderson to Speak at Sherman Indian High School

WASHINGTON – Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs David W. Anderson will bring his message about the benefits of positive thinking and making healthy life choices to an assembly of students, parents, faculty and staff at Sherman Indian High School, a Bureau of Indian Affairs-operated off-reservation boarding school for grades 9-12 in Riverside, Calif. It is the first in a series of visits Anderson plans to make to BIA field offices and education facilities during his administration.

Sherman Indian High School is one of four BIA-operated off-reservation boarding schools. The majority of Sherman's 643 students represent approximately 90 to 100 federally recognized tribes located in great plains, midwest and western states and Alaska with most coming from reservation and urban communities in Arizona, California and New Mexico.

The Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs oversees the BIA school system, which educates approximately 48,000 American Indian children in 184 elementary and secondary day and boarding schools located on or near 63 reservations in 23 states.

WHO: David W. Anderson, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs

WHAT: Anderson will visit Sherman Indian High School, an off-reservation BIA boarding school in Riverside, Calif., to view facilities and meet with students, parents, faculty and school officials.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. (PST)

WHERE: Sherman Indian High School Auditorium, 9010 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif., Phone: (909) 276-6326

Note to Editors: Credentialed media covering the event should be in place by 9:45 a.m. Press seating will be provided. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m.