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The appointment of Rebecca H. Dotson as Assistant Area Director for Education in the Navajo area was announced today by Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs Raymond V. Butler.

Ms. Dotson, an enrolled member of the Navajo tribe, comes to this position with a long record of administrative and educational experience. She has been Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' agency at Chinle, Arizona since August of 1975. She previously held positions in education programs administration, supervision, and classroom instruction. She has spent most of the last twenty-one years in the teaching profession.

The Navajo area schools which Ms. Dotson will now be supervising enroll more than 18,000 students in 58 area schools -- boarding schools and ten day schools. She will also be responsible for the administration of adult education programs, higher education assistance and the Johnson-O'Malley (JOM} funding for public school students.

A mother of five children, she received her undergraduate degree from Northern Arizona University, and her masters degree from Arizona State University. Ms. Dotson maintains affiliation with the American Association of University Women, The League of Women Voters, and numerous educational organizations. She also retains membership in Dine Bi Olta and the Navajo Division of Education of the Navajo Tribe.