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Commissioner of Indian. Affairs Morris Thompson announced today the appointment of Jon C. Wade as Superintendent of the Phoenix Indian School. Wade a member of the Santee Sioux Tribe, will take office January 5.

“Jon will be an excellent Superintendent,” Commissioner Thompson said. “There are several fine candidates for the job, but he was the unanimous recommendation of the Area Inter-Tribal School Board.” Wade, 36, has been Education Program Administrator in the Bureau’s Aberdeen Area Office since 1968. That area includes the three states of North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. In 1970 he was named one of the Outstanding Young Men of America by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce.

A graduation of Northern State College in South Dakota, Wade earned a Masters degree in Education Administration at the University of South Dakota. He has completed the course requirements for a Ph. D. in Education Administration at the University of Minnesota.

Wade, who is a native of Flandreau, South Dakota, was Vice Chairman of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe from 1964-1966. He has had classroom teaching experience in both BIA and public schools. He was director of Indian Education for the State of South Dakota for three years and served on an intermittent basis as a member of the Subcommittee on Education for the National Council on Indian Opportunity.

He is married and has two daughters.