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The Bureau of Indian Affairs has scheduled eleven field hearings to discuss education policies and standards for Indian schools funded by the Bureau, Director of Indian Education Programs Earl Barlow announced today.

Policies for the Bureau-funded schools were published October 9 in the Federal Register and a draft statement of standards has been circulated by mail to tribal officials and school boards.

At the field hearings the policies will be explained and comments received for future changes. The statement on standards will be presented for initial comments to be used in drafting proposed regulations for publication not later than May 1, 1980.

The development of the regulations is part of the Bureau's implementation of the recent Indian education legislation (P.L. 95-561).

The hearings will be at Anchorage, Alaska November 1-2; Billings, Montana,

November 14-15; Aberdeen, South Dakota, November 19-20; Minneapolis, Minnesota,

November 26-27; Portland, Oregon, November 29-30;

Nashville, Tennessee, December 3-4; Norman, Oklahoma, December 6-7; Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 7-8; Window Rock, Arizona, January 10-11; Phoenix, Arizona, January 14-15 and Sacramento, California, January 17-18.

For additional information contact the local BIA Area Office or the Office of Indian Education, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 19th and C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240 (202-343-2175).