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Walwyn S. Watkins, superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school at Wrangell, Alaska, has been named the new superintendent of the Bureau's Fort Belknap Agency at Harlem, Montana, effective May 28, the Department of the Interior announced today.

He succeeds Howard S. Dushane, who transferred last February as superintendent of the Cheyenne River Agency at Eagle Butte, S. Dak.

Mr. Watkins first joined the Bureau in 1940 as a teacher and department head of the Indian school at Carson City, Nevada. Two years later he enlisted in the Navy and served for three years during World War II. Returning to the Bureau in 1945, he had two years of service as principal and teacher in a day school on the Pima Reservation in Arizona. In 1947 he transferred to the post of principal of a day school on the Colorado River Reservation in Arizona and two years later was put in charge of all schools on that reservation. He moved to the Wrangell Institute as principal in 1951 and five years later was promoted to his present position as superintendent.

Born at Bayshore, Michigan, in 1903, Mr. Watkins is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and holds a masters degree from Colorado Teachers' College at Greeley. Before coming with the Bureau he had 12 years of experience in the public schools of Nebraska.