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Dr. Noah Allen, a Creek Indian, has been named Superintendent of the Phoenix Indian High School, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

Allen, who is currently serving as the Acting Director of Indian Education Programs for the Bureau of Indian Affairs is expected to assume his duties in Phoenix in early November. Before coming to Washington, D.C. for his present assignment, Allen was Executive Director of the National Indian Education Association.

A native of Bristow, Oklahoma, Allen earned his Doctorate at the University of Oregon in 1965. He received his Master’s in Education from the Kansas State University and his Bachelor's from the University of Wichita.

An outstanding athlete, Allen has been athletic director at the Pacific University, Oregon; Wichita State University, Kansas and the Haskell Indian Junior College at Lawrence, Kansas. He began his career as a coach and instructor at Winfield High School, Winfield, Kansas in 1950. He was a teacher supervisor at the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1974-75.

Allen, 47, has been active in many special programs for Indian people. He is a Navy veteran of World War II.