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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk will be a Keynote Speaker with remarks following by the Director of the Bureau of Indian Education Keith Moore at the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) 41st Annual Convention on Thursday, October 7, 2010. They will discuss the roles of the current administration and their policies on making Indian education a priority.

The Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs oversees the Bureau of Indian Education, which operates one of two federal school systems (the other is under the Department of Defense). The BIE funds 183 elementary and secondary day and boarding schools located on 64 federal Indian reservations in 23 states serving approximately 42,000 American Indian and Alaska Native students. The Bureau also services American Indian and Alaska Native post secondary students through higher education scholarships and support funding to 26 tribal colleges and universities, two technical colleges including the United Tribes Technical College, and it directly operates two institutions: Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, N.M. and Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan.

WHO: Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, Keith Moore, Director, the Bureau of Indian Education.

WHAT: The Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk and the Director of the Bureau of Indian Education will be speaking at the National Indian Education Association 41st Annual Convention.

WHEN: Thursday, October 7 th at 10:00 a.m. (PDT).

WHERE: Town and Country Resort & Convention Center - 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108.

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