

This week BIE Director, Tony Dearman, along with several other senior staff, attended the quarterly Residential Schools meeting held at the Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon. This three-day meeting of 20 school leaders and business office managers covered a variety of issues including a BIE update, addressing professional development options, current responses to high level incidents, review of the Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) protocols, status of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Health Service, school operations training and a presentation by NWEA, a local non-profit organization that provides education assessment solutions. The meeting was also the opportunity to provide training for the transition of budget programs for Off-Reservation Boarding Schools. The Chemawa Indian School leadership also led a campus tour for attendees to provide the history of this facility which is more than 125 years old and the oldest, continuously operated boarding school for Native students in the United States.



*BIE senior staff with students at the Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Oregon.*