



I am pleased to announce the appointment of Hankie Ortiz, Esq., a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Caddo and Comanche, as the Associate Deputy Director - Bureau Operated Schools. Effective July 30, 2018, Ms. Ortiz's office will be located in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Associate Deputy Director Bureau Operated Schools oversees 21 BIE-operated schools and works with 16 tribal nations that have BIE-operated schools on their reservations. She will serve as a top level senior executive who is responsible for providing oversight and guidance to BIE-operated schools through building a responsive organization that provides resources, direction and services to BIE schools; foster parental, community and organizational partnerships to provide the emotional and social support students need; and provide a budget that focuses on providing resources and services.

Hankie most recently served as the Deputy Bureau Director, Indian Services for the Bureau of Indian Affairs where she was responsible for guiding national policy and providing leadership for five BIA Divisions: Transportation, Human Services, Self-Determination, Tribal Government Services and Workforce Development. Among other responsibilities, she oversaw and directed work in welfare assistance, child protection, family violence, Indian child welfare, supervised Individual Indian Money accounts and the Housing Improvement Program. She represented the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on national committees and interagency workgroups in the areas of suicide prevention, homelessness, and alcohol and substance abuse prevention. She also held several leadership roles at the Indian Health Service in Rockville, including Director, Office of Self-Governance.

Hankie has a Juris Doctor from the University Of Montana Alexander Blewett III School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Oklahoma. She brings a lot of experience working with government agencies, national Native organizations and Indian Country. Please join me in warmly welcoming Hankie Ortiz!

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Tony L. Dearman
Director
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