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Sir R. N. Pratt.

Carlisle Pa.

May 19. 1882

Say if the 86 children  
now at school are re-  
turned to their homes. he  
will be enabled under  
Congressional app. to  
receive 175 new pupils  
for the ensuing year.

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# United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., May 19 1882.

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

If you return to their Tribes in June the eighty six children whom I recommended in my communications of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. we shall be able to receive at this school, upon the appropriation Congress has given for the ensuing year, one hundred <sup>and</sup> seventy five new pupils <sup>at</sup> such time after July 1<sup>st</sup>, as you may designate, but preferably near the opening of the new school year, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

You have already ordered twenty from the Brages who have been prevented from coming by a scourge of measles which broke up their school <sup>and</sup> has been quite fatal in their camps. Agent Miles informs me that as soon as it is safe to do so they will be forwarded. You have also given

authority for twenty five Omaha children, This would leave one hundred <sup>and</sup> thirty still to be provided.

I have no doubt but the whole number can readily be supplied from the Pine Ridge <sup>and</sup> Rosebud Sioux agencies, especially if you give a favorable reply in regard to returning those now here. I still desire a delegation of Navajoes <sup>and</sup> believe that I can get them if you give authority. The Kiowas, Comanches, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, Poncas <sup>and</sup> Pawnees may desire to return new children in place of the forty two we send home.

It would be an advantage if I could have early knowledge of where the new pupils are to come from <sup>and</sup> the time. I would recommend that hereafter pupils come to this school with the expectation of a five year's course instead of three years. This will enable us to get them into a much more useful condition of knowledge <sup>and</sup> industrial capacity <sup>and</sup> will leave on our

side the option of returning them sooner if it seems  
to their or their tribe's advantage to do so. Boys  
and girls coming to us at fourteen or fifteen would  
then be more mature on their return.

Very respectfully  
R.H. Pratt

1st Lieut. 10<sup>th</sup> Navy,  
Supt.