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G. H. Madleigh.

Navajo Bdj. School.

July 11, 1892.

Rel. to transferring
certain pupils to
Maskell or Carlisle &
ask information con-
cerning their transpora-
tion. Also rel. to filling
his own school next year.

To Navajo July 23/92

" Madleigh " 25 "

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Navajo Boarding School

Navajo Agency N.M.

July 11 1892.

The

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Sir

I feel that there is an encouraging possibility of a small class of three boys and two girls being ready and willing to go from this to some higher school this fall. I prefer either Haskell or Carlisle the former seems best because of its location and the absence of any prejudice against it among the Navajos.

These children are the most advanced and in every respect the most promising we have, and they ought to go away but great patience and caution will be necessary before we obtain their

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their parents consent, and it will be difficult to get them away without exciting and prejudicing the Navajos generally.

Before doing very much I must have something definite from the Department so that if they are ever ready, they can then be started off without delay.

Will the Dept. authorize their going? Will the Dept. authorize their transportation expenses to be paid? They cannot be sent alone. Is it suitable I accompany them? I believe it will be easier to get them started with me, than with another.

I am worried over our own school prospects.

There is no good reason why we should not have an enrollment of One-hundred Twenty-five next year. The new building will then be available.

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I believe that well directed and systematic effort would result in a crowded school, but I possess no information showing that such effort has ever been hardly more than attempted here.

The vacation, in which so much work ought to be done looking toward the prompt and full return of the old pupils, and in securing additional ones, is passing and it seems likely that the opening day will find us, as we are now, waiting and wondering how many Indian parents will remember to bring their children back.

This next year means very much to the school and to me.

It is very essential that we start at the beginning with full attendance, and not dally along until January before our full number is here. I will do

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all I can, but it is but little
Evanescent tack with these
Indians leaves them more fixed
in their own ways.

I am sorry I have no
remedy to suggest, — possibly
the Department can spur us
all up to the necessity of
effort.

Very respectfully
G. H. Wadleigh
Supt.