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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa. Aug. 12th. 1902.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to Office letter, Education Circular 82, dated July 9th., 1902, calling for information respecting the present condition of the school with reference to heating, lighting, sewerage and the attendance during the year and the needs of the Service here, for the fiscal year 1904, I have the honor to report that as a whole the school plant is in a good state of repair, except that on July 3rd. a tornado struck us, unroofing parts of five of our buildings and damaging them in other ways, entailing a loss of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). These damages we are now repairing as rapidly as possible. As this disaster was entirely extraordinary and necessitates a large expenditure of funds, I respectfully request that our appropriation for next year be increased above the regular amount by the sum of Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for repairing damages by cyclone, and that the same be made immediately available, in order that that amount may be returned to our appropriation for 1903, from which it has been taken. Otherwise, we shall not be able to meet the expenses for the current year.

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The school has a present enrolment of 865. The attendance is not so large as it would be, because we are in the period between the time when the home-goers have left us and the new pupils for the coming year are not yet arrived.

The average attendance for the year 1902, covering the ten school months from September to June, inclusive, was 1033. The greatest number at any one time was 1073 and the total enrolment, 1235. These pupils are drawn from about all the Indian tribes in the United States, excepting the five, so-called civilized tribes.

The value of the plant was increased during the fiscal year 1902 by the erection of two additions to the dining-room, one to the store-room and a new residence on the farm purchased a year ago. The present total valuation is \$204,000.00.

The sewer and water systems are the same as reported a year ago. The sewer system is reasonably satisfactory, the discharge being into a creek, at a distance of a thousand feet down the stream from the school. The water supply is inadequate in amount but of fairly good quality. The inadequacy relates entirely to the necessities of the school in the event of a fire. Originally, the school had an independent pipe line from the water mains, supplying the town 3,000 feet away, and had then the pressure the mains carried. As the town has built up between the mains and the school, other demands on the water supply of the town have been taken from the same pipe; and as the pipe from the town mains to the school is only four inches, and the

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supply pipe throughout the grounds only three inches, we find there is not enough water to fill our fire engines when we use them for training purposes.

The extent of the plant here and the amount of capital invested, calls for a considerable increase in the water supply, so that in case of fire, we can get all the water required for our own engines, and also be able to utilize the fire departments of the town. We should have a six-inch main from the town mains into the grounds and our pipes through the grounds should be not less than four inches. This would also necessitate new fire plugs, and the total cost of such improvement would be Three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

The growth of our school family calls for additional room for employees. I recommend the erection, during the fiscal year 1904, of three double cottages to cost \$2,500.00 each, a total of \$7,500.00, and that the expense of cyclone repairs, \$5,000.00, and improved water supply, \$3,000.00, aggregating \$15,500.00 be added to our appropriation of \$150,000.00, to cover one thousand pupils, making in all a total of \$165,500.00.

Very respectfully,

Dictated.

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Lt. Col. & Supt.