Special Recognition

At this time, I'd like to recognize those that passed in their respective communities, Ada Oyagak Lincoln in Anaktuvuk Pass, Marjorie Long in Point Lay, and Dorothy "Doe Doe" Ahkiviana in Nuiqsut. All of us have known them in a variety of roles, for us, it's as a long standing employees and/or school advisory council members, dedicated to their communities and children they served.

For Elder Ada Oyagak Lincoln, Ada was always willing to offer a helping hand or assist someone in need. She was a loving, supportive, and encouraging person to both students and staff where she worked as a cook and occasionally an aide at the Nunamiut School for over 23 years, almost 24, and School Advisory Council member for several years. She constantly shared stories of her traditional Nunamiut subsistence lifestyle and will be missed greatly. A memorial service in her honor was held on November 4, 2021 after her passing on November 1, 2021.

For Dora Ann "Doe Doe" Ahkiviana, she was a constant for the Nuiqsut Trapper School. Her work with the students began in 89' as paraprofessional and moved in her position of secretary in '07 until August 2020. An amazing 28 years. Her humor is most memorable including the kindness and care she shared with the kids. A memorial service was held in her honor on November 24, 2021 for her passing on November 12, 2021.

On December 9, 2021, a memorial service is held for Marjorie Long after her passing on November 6, 2021. She held various roles with the District in the community of Point Lay for over twenty-two years, each spending time with the students and staff who were fortunate to receive her compassion and thoughtfulness. She embodied the Iñupiaq values, always humble, encouraging, and uplifting those around her.

In closing, we share in this time of grief but also share in the love and memories of your loved ones.