

In loving memory and grateful recognition of Roy Maloney Nageak Sr.,

On Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 11:48 PM, we remember this man, who held many titles as an Educator, Community Leader, Whaling Captain, and Pastor; however, most importantly remembered as an Aapa, Father, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, Nephew, and friend to many. The North Slope Borough School District Board of Education commends Roy for 24 years of dedicated service on the Board.

Born July 22, 1951 in the Olitook subsistence camp near Colville Delta, Roy lived most of his life on the North Slope, residing in Kaktovik until five years old, then in Utqiagvik until the late 60's where he then attended Chemawa Indian School near Salem, Oregon. In his education, Roy was active in sports and student government where he participated as Captain of the Basketball and Football team, and ran in Cross Country and Track and Field. Graduating as Salutatorian, he advanced on to Eastern Washington State College and later moved back to Utqiagvik to work under the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation.

Roy served on the Board of Education for the North Slope Borough School District in October 1973 through October 1976, October 1988 through October 2002, and again in October 2008 through October 2015. During this time, Roy was appointed to the Iḷisaġvik College Board of Trustees, Association of Alaska School Boards, Alaska State Board of Education, and United States Department of National Assessment Government Board. Under the Iḷisaġvik College Board of Trustees from 2013 through 2015, Roy was appointed as the NSBSD Seat Representative. Under the Association of Alaska School Boards Board of Directors from 1988 through 1998, Roy lobbied the State Legislation for educational funding for all students in the State of Alaska. Under the Alaska State Board of Education from 1997 through 2003, Roy was appointed by Governor Tony Knowles to serve our constituents to oversee the education of all children in the State of Alaska. Under the United States Department of Educational National Assessment Government Board from 2001 through 2003, Roy was appointed by the Secretary of Education during his term in the State Board of Education to assess national testing in comparison to other countries which included and not limited to establishing the No Child Left Behind Act.

Continuing in his career, Roy served on the North Slope Borough Assembly, Ukpeaġvik Inupiat Corporation, Barrow Whaling Captains Association and Alaska Whaling Commission, Barrow Utilities Electric Co-operative Inc., and the Utkeagvik Presbyterian Church. For the North Slope Borough Assembly, Roy served October of 2002 through October of 2008. For Ukpeaġvik Inupiat Corporation, he served in 1973 through 1976, and again in 1996 through 2009 where he was one of the original incorporators of the village corporation. For the Barrow Whaling Captains Association and Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, Roy served in 1988 through 2015. For the Barrow Utilities Electric Co-operative, Inc., Roy served in April of 1985 through April 2009, and again in April 2010 through 2021. For Utkeagvik Presbyterian Church, Roy served as a Trustee in 1993 through 1995, Deacon in 1995 through 2001, and Ruling Elder in 2001 to present helping with weddings, funerals, interpreting, and as a Sunday School teacher for the middle school kids for over twenty to twenty-five years.

Dedication, compassion, and spirituality encompassed his actions in all he took part in.

Roy Maloney Nageak Sr. will be greatly missed, and we are honored to have had him serve on our Board.