

# NSB school superintendent chosen

Thomas Wood, current Superintendent of the Port Orford-Langlois School District in Oregon was unanimously chosen by the School Board late Tuesday afternoon, April 22, to be the next Superintendent for the North Slope Borough School District.

Dr. Wood brings with him 24 years of past experiences in education as a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. Dr. Wood holds a doctorate degree in general administration, M.A. degree in Special Education for the Physically Handicapped, and a B.A. degree in mathematics with a minor in physical education.

His wife Doris is presently a junior high school teacher, with 20 years of past teaching experience with kindergarten and 7-8 grade language

arts. Doris holds a B.A. degree in elementary education and a M.A. in communication. They have one child, Martha who is 22 years old, and is working for Northwest Orient Airlines as a flight attendant. Martha is a graduate from Aims Community College in Colorado, with a degree in Small Business Administration and an emphasis in Fashion Merchandising.

Dr. Wood's record shows active involvement in the communities where he has resided. He served as a City Councilman for seven years, a past president of Chamber of Commerce and an active Board Trustee in the Methodist Church.

In relationship with students, Dr. Wood states that "Education is for students. I have always strived to see that the system is providing the best that it can be for each student...to en-

courage the expansion of the freedom of using the mind, with discipline. I am a student advocate who believes in a well-organized education system that will help students reach their maximum potential."

The School Board stated that their final decision rested on the eye-to-eye contacts made during their 2-day interview with the top four candidates for Superintendent. Extensive and tough questions were asked of each candidate. The candidate responses were rated individually during the interviews by the Board and tallied at the end as a group.

The Board stated the importance and the need to have a smooth transition in order to provide the very best education for our children in the North Slope and solicited support of their decision from the School District employees and from the public.

Dr. Wood will begin his office as the Superintendent for the North Slope Borough School District beginning July 1, 1986, in Barrow.

Dr. Thomas Wood quickly accepted his new Inupiaq name, which the School Board gave him: *Dr. Qiruk*. "I am extremely impressed with the North Slope Borough School District. This is the place to really work on education. I do not view myself as

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replacing Don Renfroe but I intend to move forward and continue to build what has been started by the past administration." Dr. Wood described himself to be a person who likes kids and that is why we are here. he believes in evaluation and being straight-forward in his relationships with people.