

# Yupit schools offer 'Project Business'

Representatives of three rural village councils and village corporations, the Yupit School District and Junior Achievement of Alaska agreed recently to operate a business project promoting economic education in Akiak, Akiachak and Tuluksak.

Called Project Business, the village councils and corporations have invested financially to continue the program which operated as a pilot in Akiachak last year. This year the group will expand Project Business into all of their schools.

Junior Achievement of Alaska President Letha Schwiesow entered into an economic education partnership with Willie Kasayulie of Akiachak, Sam George and Eddie Phillips of Akiachak Enterprises, Mike Williams of Akiak, John Napoka and Joe DeMantle of Tuluksak and Superintendent Leland Dishman of the Yupit School District.

The agreement places the Yupit School District village in the lead for providing economic education in rural Alaska.

Students in each of the villages will begin a course in economics and business in mid-January just after Slavik, the Russian Christmas season.

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Volunteers participating will have the advantage of being able to conduct classes in Yupik Eskimo, the predominant Native language of the area.

The Yupit School District also plans to use parents as guest speakers in order to make learning a community



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Participants include, from left, Joe DeMantle and John Napoka of Tuluksak, Sam George and Willie Kasayulie of Akiachak, Mike Williams of Akiak, Superintendent Leland Dishman and Eddie Phillips of Akiachak.

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Other areas targeted by Junior Achievement for rural expansion include Calista/Association of Village Council Presidents, Doyon, the Aleu-

tians, Koniag, NANA and the North Slope regions.

Interested people can contact Junior Achievement of Alaska in Anchorage at 344-0101.