



Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Golden Apple Award | May 4, 2015

David Kalugin
Community Member

Mr. Kalugin is a parent, and current mayor of Kachemak Selo. Kachemak Selo School has been recognized at the borough and state level in high need of facility upgrade and repair.

“Our biggest advocate throughout this process has been Mr. Kalugin,” said Andrew Rothenberger, Kachemak Selo School principal. “You may not be hearing much from the community at recent school board or assembly meetings, but I can assure you the voice of this community is being heard through Mr. Kalugin at all levels of government. Mr. Kalugin’s advocacy for the health and safety of our students knows no limits. I can count on him to sit through the entire length of board and assembly meetings with me to share the voice of Kachemak Selo. I can count on him to sacrifice his time with his work or family to travel to distant places and meet with key policy makers on their own turf.” To advocate for education, he has personally met with legislators or their chief staff including:

- Mayor Navarre
- Senator Micciche
- Senator Stevens
- Representative Seaton
- Representative Young
- Senator Murkowski
- Senator Sullivan
- Senator Begich
- Governor Walker
- Lt. Governor Mallott
- Past Lt. Governor Treadwell
- Commissioner Hanley

Mr. Kalugin updates the school principal every week in regard to these conversations. In addition to the work he does outside of Kachemak Selo, Mr. Kalugin’s work within Kachemak Selo has been pivotal for the school. “Mr. Kalugin’s dedication knows no limits,” said Rothenberger. “As the principal of this school, I take great comfort knowing I can count on Mr. Kalugin, and that he is an advocate for public education.”

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Board of Education is proud to recognize David Kalugin for his dedication to the students of the school district—past, present, and future.