

Rep. Vruwink: Inducted into Milton School District Wall of Honor

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State Rep. Don Vruwink will be among the first five people inducted into the Milton School District's Wall of Honor.

"I'm humbled and honored to join the other inductees: Mabel Maxson, Wally & Faye Schilberg, Bill Shadel, and Doug Welch," Vruwink said. "They have all contributed tremendously to our community."

After retiring from teaching, Vruwink served on the City Council and School Board. He served as director of the city parks and recreation department; was a substitute teacher for several school districts; and an umpire for baseball and softball games. When former students encouraged him to run for a seat in the Legislature, he ran and won. He is now serving his third term.

"School pride is woven into the fabric of our communities," Vruwink said. "The school where I taught and coached for 40 years will forever be a part of me. Everywhere I go, I run into former students, their spouses, and their children. I welcome every school group who comes to my Capitol office. A teacher is a teacher forever and a coach is a coach forever. I want every child to feel welcomed and inspired."

The Wall of Honor recognizes former students, alumni, staff, and community members who have distinguished themselves through academic, artistic, or athletic achievements, or by contributions to their profession.

The induction ceremony will begin at 7 pm on Thursday, October 13 in the high school's performing arts center, followed by a reception in the event commons. A recognition ceremony will be held at half-time of the October 14 football game at

Anderson Field.