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To: USD 377 Board of Education, Mr. Steve Wiseman, Superintendent
From: Deanna Scherer, Principal, and JSH Site Council
Re: Wall of Fame Nomination for Duane Feldkamp
Date: January 11, 2016

A request has been made to have Duane Feldkamp recognized for his years of service to the Atchison County Community school district, particularly in the Jr/Sr High School. Mr. Feldkamp should be honored with his placement on the Wall of Fame at the Jr/Sr High School building.

Mr. Feldkamp was initially hired to work in the district in 1977 to be a high school boys' basketball coach and teach Drivers Education, at a salary of \$9600. Mr. Feldkamp served USD 377 district as a full-time teacher and coach from August, 1977, until July 1, 2006. From 1999 through 2006, Mr. Feldkamp served as the Athletic Director five different years.

During his career with USD 377, Mr. Feldkamp has been employed at the high school level as Girls and Boys Track Coach, Cross Country Coach, and Boys and Girls Basketball Coach. At the Middle School level he has coached Boys Basketball, Football and Wrestling. He continues today to teach Drivers Education for the district and believes he has taught approximately 1800 - 2000 students how to drive over a span of 42 years. That has been many hours spent on the road and in the classroom with new drivers!

Although originally hired to teach Drivers Education, as the years changed, his teaching assignments included K-12 physical education, middle school science, and special education. After he officially retired from full-time teaching, Duane began to drive a school bus and to serve as a substitute teacher. Duane expressed that he truly enjoys both of these positions. Duane also announces at the high school football and basketball games.

A native and 1969 graduate of B & B High School, Baileyville, KS, Mr. Feldkamp graduated from Kansas State University in 1973 with a BS in Physical Education, Biology, and Drivers Education. He was employed with the Ransom, KS, school district for four years before coming to Effingham. He and his wife, Marci raised their pride and joy, three daughters, Deana, Amber and Lori, in the community and he takes great pride in having them as alumni from Atchison County Community High School.

Mr. Feldkamp describes one of his accomplishments in teaching as a general statement, "I enjoyed teaching physical education to so many students and knowing they were improving in their physical activity."

He had many accomplishments in athletics and coaching, but was particularly vocal in thanking his assistant coaches who were so helpful. He also expressed that it was his athletes who made him a good coach, "Good Kids make a Good Coach." He remembered coaching ACCHS and winning the Big 7 League Championship for the first time in 22 years in 1992. He also noted how supportive the community was when the Boys' Basketball team traveled to the State Tournament in 1994 and 1995—he said the community was influential in bringing home the Sportsmanship Award both years. He gave his teams credit for winning in basketball with two requirements—(1) they had to play hard and stay with it, especially in using a 2-2-1 press that he learned from coaching great John Wooden; and (2) they had to make more free throws than the other team shot.

Big 7 League Championships as Head Coach

1982-83 HS Girls Track

1983-84 HS Girls Track

1984-85 HS Girls Track

1985-86 HS Girls Track

1986-87 HS Girls Track

1st Big 7 coach to win 5 consecutive titles in HS Girls Track

1991-92 HS Boys Basketball

1992-93 HS Boys Basketball

1993-94 HS Boys Basketball

1994-95 HS Boys Basketball

1st Big 7 coach to win 4 consecutive titles in HS Boys Basketball

State Championship

1993-94 HS Boys 4A Basketball

State Runner Up

1994-95 HS Boys 4A Basketball

Coach of the Year

1993-94 HS Boys 4A Basketball

Atchison Daily Globe Coach of the Year

2003-04 HS Girls Basketball