

MIKE HURD (PHS 1970)

Mike Hurd has been an instrumental leader in youth athletics in Portage and a loyal supporter of the Portage Community School District for nearly his entire life. Mr. Hurd graduated from Portage High School in 1970, having earned eight varsity letters in volleyball, basketball and baseball. After high school, Mr. Hurd stayed active athletically in Portage as a coach/player in the Portage Fast Pitch League. He became very active in Portage youth athletics first as member of the Portage Little League board of directors in 1988. In 1990, he became president and founder of Portage Youth Sports and administrator for Portage Boys and Girls Club basketball. Mr. Hurd was a founding member and first president of the Greater Portage Youth Education Foundation, and was a lead fundraiser for the successful \$900,000 drive for the Portage High School technology center, auditorium and gymnasium. Mr. Hurd has coached in numerous youth organizations, including Portage Little League, Portage Club Basketball and Portage Legion baseball. He has also been a WIAA basketball official and baseball/softball umpire since 1990. Mr. Hurd has been an influential fundraiser for many worthy causes including the River Haven Homeless Shelter and various local cancer drives.