



## HOWARD LAKE-WAVERLY-WINSTED

# Hall of Fame 2018 Inductee

## Dale Decker

*Dale Decker, athlete, coach, teacher, and athletic director, is widely known by many students, families, and community members, as having a positive impact on the communities of both Maple Lake and Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted.*

*As an athlete, Dale was a four-year letter winner in football, basketball, and baseball. Among a very strong class of athletes, Dale was the Wright County Athlete of the Year in 1979. At the University of Minnesota-Morris, he obtained his degree in education and was a baseball star as both a pitcher and first baseman. Dale's career as an amateur baseball player and coach for 25 years led to his induction in the North Star League Hall of Fame.*

*A dedicated educator, Dale had a caring influence on students and athletes for the Maple Lake, Rockford, and HLWW school districts. While at HLWW, many teams won conference championships, made multiple state tournament appearances, and achieved a baseball state championship. He was an integral member in the development of the Central Minnesota Conference (CMC) Sportsmanship Plan. In 2010, Dale was selected as the Minnesota Class A Activities Director of the Year.*

*A devoted and dedicated family man, Dale has been an integral part of the success and good name of HLWW Public Schools. While loved by many throughout our communities, Dale's outreach to others across the state is widely known. Dale is a quality person and educator who not only loved what he did, but he shared his love of sports with his family and community.*

