

## **DR. WILLIAM J. ZIMMERMAN, JR.**

*1971-1994, outstanding contributor*



In his 23 years as Wayland School Superintendent, Zimmerman made a huge imprint on the Wayland High community, both academically and athletically. During his tenure at Wayland a full 96 percent of graduates attended college, 92 percent of whom went to four-year schools. Prior to coming to Wayland, Zimmerman was a professor and chairman of the Department of Educational Administration at Northeastern University where he was also the dean of the graduate school. Zimmerman has previously served as superintendent of schools in Hanover, New Hampshire. Under his guidance, the first interstate school administration in the country was formed between Hanover and Norwich,

Vermont. Zimmerman was the past president of the national Suburban School Superintendents. He was a member and chairman of the National Commission on Human Rights in Education. He has also served as president and treasurer of the New England School Development Council, the superintendent representative of the Mass. Music Education Board, chairman of the American Association of School Administrators Resolution Committee, president of the Wayland Kiwanis Club and served on a number of boards and commissions.

Zimmerman was the first superintendent to be elected president of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association and served on the MIAA Board of Directors for 20 years. He was also a member of the MIAA Wrestling Committee for 23 years. Zimmerman received his BA from the University of New Hampshire and his Masters and Doctorate from the University of Miami. Zimmerman is an avid sportsman, especially fly fishing and hunting and is an active jazz trumpet and trombone player in the Boston and New Hampshire area. He participated actively as a member of the Wayland High band and the jazz band throughout his tenure at Wayland. Zimmerman is married to the former Ruth McNeil, and they have five married daughters and 17 grandchildren.

“When I arrived at Wayland High School, I found an athletic program that was under subscribed and under supported,” said Zimmerman. “I convinced the school committee of the importance of athletics in the overall development of young people.” Zimmerman was instrumental in growing the athletic program, particularly for female students/athletes. He also convinced the school committee for the need of a full time athletic trainer.

“I am extremely proud of the expertise, professionalism and dedication of our outstanding coaches and ADs like Buzz Bowers and Rick Moyer, and so thankful for all that they did for our students to make their athletic experience a real positive ‘life-long’ experience.”

