



Norm Durflinger is a long time educator and public servant. Presently his public service is the Village President (mayor) of Morton, Illinois for six years. In that position he aided in the development of a public/private economic development council (EDC) for the village. Working with the EDC and the village board a business commission was developed to aid in recruitment, retention, and education of business as well as helping to improve the business climate of the downtown.

Norm received his bachelors in business administration education and his doctorate in Educational Administration from Illinois State University. He received his Masters in leadership from the University of Illinois. He retired in 2002 after thirty-three years in kindergarten through twelfth grade public education, twenty three years of which to the Morton public schools first as assistant superintendent and then superintendent for twelve years. Since that time he has been an assistant professor in the Educational Administration and Foundations department at Illinois State University and then Co-Director for the Study of Education Policy at the university. In his work at the Center he has been instrumental in directing research and legislation in leadership. He has also aided school districts by completing interim positions as treasurer, superintendent and business affairs director for the Peoria and Decatur Illinois school districts.

Norm has participated and held leadership positions in the Morton Rotary Club, We Care Foundation, Morton Community Foundation, Peoria Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Morton Economic Development Council, Morton Chamber of Commerce and Council member and building chair at his church.

Norm's awards during his professional and civic participation have been the Morton Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award, the Morton Rotary Club Distinguished Service Award, the Distinguished Service Award for the Illinois Association of School Business Officials, and the Distinguish Service Award for the Department of Educational Administration and Foundation at Illinois State University.

Norm is married to his wife of forty-three years, Cathy, and has three married children and four grandchildren all living in the Village of Morton.