

Don Hicks is a 1981 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and moved to the Coldwater area 39 years ago to begin his teaching career at Bronson High School. He graduated with a History and Psychology degree from MSU in 1987. Don taught Government, Economics, Psychology, and Anthropology over his 34 years in education, until retiring in 2021. He started a Youth in Government chapter at Bronson High School and served as an advisor for 32 years. He also served as class advisor on numerous occasions and as the Quiz Bowl Advisor and the Student Council Advisor for many years.

Don developed an interest in theater while attending high school that he has maintained through the years by performing or directing in more than 100 shows in Coldwater, Sturgis, and Hillsdale. Don has served as Vice President of Branch County Community Theater and Vice President of Bronson Education Association. He has also served on the Vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Coldwater and served as Senior Warden for one term.

Besides teaching Economics, Don has a strong interest in finance. Don was elected to the Board of Directors in what is now BlueOx/Ignite Credit Union in 2011. He was then elected as Board Chairman in 2023.

Don has five children and lives in Coldwater with his wife Leigh Ann and daughter Abby!