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Chris Giffin Named Head Boys Basketball Coach at Lawrence North High School

INDIANAPOLIS – This evening, the School Board of the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township unanimously approved the hiring of Coach Chris Giffin as the Boys Varsity Basketball Coach at Lawrence North High School Coach. Giffin will be the second boys coach in program history following the announcement of Coach Jack Keefer’s retirement after 46 seasons earlier this month.

Coach Giffin has served as the head coach of the girls varsity basketball program since 2012. In his tenure, Coach Giffin has produced an astounding 201-60 record (.770 win percentage), 7 20-win seasons, 5 MIC titles, 4 Marion County tournament championships, 5 sectional championships, 4 regional championships, 2 semi-state championships, 1 State Runner-Up, and the 2020 IHSAA state championship. Coach Giffin and his staff have already produced nine Indiana All-Stars (Ana Owens, Destiny Washington, Lamina Cooper, Ae’Rianna Harris, Lauren Dickerson, Destiny Perkins, Katie Davidson, Kristen Yong, and Indiana Miss Basketball Jayla Smith) as well as 15 Division-1 players.

Prior to coaching the girls team, he spent 10 years in various capacities under Coach Keefer and the boys program at Lawrence North. Coach Giffin previously spent one season as the head boys freshman coach, winning the prestigious Marion County Championship in 2004. Following that, he served four years as the head boys JV coach, compiling a 67-11 record with those teams. He also served as Coach Jack Keefer’s top varsity assistant for two years.

An Honors graduate of Ben Davis High School where he played basketball, baseball, and tennis, Giffin was named a member of the Indiana All-State Doubles Tennis Team in 1995-1996. While in college at Indiana University, Chris served as a basketball manager for three seasons under legendary Hall-of-Fame coach Bob Knight. Following his graduation with a B.S. in secondary social studies education, Chris became a graduate assistant coach for Coach Bob Knight at Texas Tech University in 2003-2004. Presently, Chris is in his 17th year of teaching in the Special Education department at Lawrence North High School.

According to Superintendent, Dr. Shawn A. Smith, “Coach Giffin has demonstrated commitment to the students and student-athletes at Lawrence North and has taken the girls basketball program to the next level. I have full confidence in his ability to continue the tradition of excellence in the boys basketball program at Lawrence North High School.”

Lawrence North Principal, Mr. Brett Crousore shares, “Coach Chris Giffin will continue the tradition of excellence at Lawrence North High School. His student athletes perform at the highest level both in the classroom and on the court.

Lawrence North Athletic Director, Mr. Mike Penrose states, “Coach Giffin believes in education-based athletics and has always cared deeply for his kids, regardless if they are in the classroom or on the court. His resume speaks for itself, as he has proven to be one of the best basketball coaches in the state of Indiana over the last decade.”

Chris and his wife Jenica have two girls, Bailee and Emmerson, and a son, Parker.

About the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township:

The ninth largest and fastest growing school district in the state, the MSD of Lawrence Township serves approximately 16,000 students across four Early Learning Centers, eleven Elementary Schools, two Middle Schools, two High Schools, a Center for Innovation and Technology, and an alternative setting high school. Lawrence Township strives to be the district of destination, a reputation built over the years based on the district’s award-winning staff, accomplished administrators, high-achieving students, supportive community, and innovative educational programs. Visit our website at www.LTschools.org.