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Stephen Thomas Named Head Girls 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 Stephen Thomas as the Girls Varsity Basketball Coach at Lawrence North High School. Coach Thomas will take the reins from Coach Chris Giffin, who is transitioning to head Boys Basketball Coach.

Coach Thomas has served as the Junior Varsity Head Coach and Girls Varsity Assistant Coach with the Lawrence North program since 2017. In his tenure as Head Junior Varsity Coach, Coach Giffin has referred to Coach Thomas as, “The source of program-wide energy and enthusiasm.” Other coaching experience includes Belzer Middle School and Broad Ripple High School.

An Indianapolis native, Thomas attended Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), Thomas as a scholarship earning student-athlete, playing for the IUPUI Jaguar Men’s Basketball Team. He earned his Bachelor’s degree from IUPUI in 2012. That same year, he came to Winding Ridge Elementary School in the MSD of Lawrence Township where he served as Behavior Mentor for almost ten years. He later assumed a classroom-teaching role at Winding Ridge Elementary, where he served until 2021.

According to Lawrence North High School Principal, Mr. Brett Crousore, “Mr. Thomas has high expectations for our student/athletes. He has a plan to build on a very successful program and help every young lady achieve her dreams both academically and athletically.”

Lawrence North Athletic Director, Mr. Mike Penrose states, “Coach Thomas has been a key piece to our player development over the last five seasons. He knows what it takes to be successful, both on and off the court.” He adds, “I have been impressed with his detailed preparation. Moreover, he has been a tremendous role model to our players.”

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.