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Media Release

From: Mike Beaton, Activities Coordinator, Fargo South High School

RE: Boys Track and Field Coach Hire

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Fargo South High School has named **Mr. Alex Kopyy** as head boys' track and field coach.

Mr. Kopyy replaces **Mr. Cameron Dockter** in this role. **Mr. Dockter** finished the 2024 season as the East Region and the North Dakota Boys Track and Field Coach of the Year. The Bruins 4 X 200 Relay team of Jaylen Runnels, A.J. Moore, Justin Zulu, and Austin Zulu set a state record while winning the event at the State meet this year. The Bruins also had the state champion 4 X 400 Relay team and finished in fifth place at the State meet after finishing in second place at the East Region meet. **Mr. Dockter** was also the 2015 East Region and North Dakota Boys Track and Field Coach of the Year.

Mr. Kopyy, a graduate of Mandan High School, has served as an assistant coach with both the boys and girls track and field programs since 2021. Prior to coaching at South High, he was a girls track and field coach for the Marshalltown Community School District in Marshalltown, Iowa from 2016 to 2020. He was an assistant coach for Oak Grove High school from 2014 to 2016. Prior to starting his career in coaching, **Mr. Kopyy** was a decathlete at North Dakota State University where he was three-time Summit League place winner and part of the 2012 outdoor Summit League championship team.

Mr. Kopyy is a seventh grade STEM teacher at Carl Ben Eielson Middle School, a position he has held since 2020. While in Marshalltown, he taught eighth grade math at Miller Middle School. He has served as an assistant football coach for the Bruins' football team since 2020.

Fargo South High School Activities Coordinator Mike Beaton states “**Mr. Kopyy's** experiences as a decathlete at the collegiate level as well as his coaching experience will be a benefit to our track and field athletes. Having been part of the track and field program the past four seasons, he is familiar with the history and tradition that has been established and is enthusiastic about carrying it on. He is an excellent addition to the head coaching ranks at South High.”

If you have further questions about the hiring of **Mr. Kopyy**, please call me at 446.2006 or email me at beatonm@fargoschools.org.