



## Joe Zessin Named MHSAA SEC White Division Swim Coach of the Year



**JACKSON, Mich. (March 3, 2026)** — Jackson Public Schools (JPS) is proud to congratulate **Joe Zessin** on being named the **MHSAA SEC White Division Swim Coach of the Year**. The honor recognizes Coach Zessin’s exceptional leadership, dedication to student-athletes, and commitment to building a program grounded in excellence, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Under Coach Zessin’s guidance, student-athletes have demonstrated impressive progress in performance and character throughout the season. His coaching approach emphasizes consistent effort, strong fundamentals, and a positive team culture; values that align closely with JPS’s mission to support student growth in and out of the pool.

Coach Zessin emphasized that the award reflects a team effort and strong community partnership.

*“I’m grateful for the support of our community and the families who encourage our student-athletes every step of the way,”* Zessin said. *“I’m also truly grateful for the support of the JPS administration, which helps supply the needs of our program and provides state-of-the-art facilities. Because of this high level of support, coaching is enjoyable, and it allows us to focus on helping students grow, compete, and represent JPS with pride.”*

*“Coach Zessin is known for his tireless work ethic, strong organizational leadership, and exceptional communication skills,”* said Chris Hoover, Athletic Director for Jackson Public Schools. *“He builds meaningful relationships with his athletes and consistently creates an environment where students feel supported, challenged, and valued. His ability to connect with young people and bring out their best, both in and out of the pool, is a hallmark of his coaching.”*

JPS congratulates Coach Zessin and thanks him for the energy, mentorship, and high standards he brings to our schools and community.

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