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Press Release

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Gillespie Named Asheboro High School Head Football Coach

ASHEBORO – Asheboro City Schools is proud to announce Mr. Kevin Gillespie will begin serving as the head football coach at Asheboro High School. He returns to Asheboro where his teaching and coaching career started in 1994.

"Mr. Gillespie has a proven track record on and off the football field," said Dr. Terry W. Worrell, Superintendent for Asheboro City Schools. "Having him on board will only continue the Asheboro High School tradition of excellence in academics and athletics," she added.

Gillespie comes to Asheboro High School after serving 11 years at Page High School in Greensboro. While coaching at Page, Gillespie led the football team to the 2011 4-AA state championship and was a 4-AA state runner-up in 2015 and 2016. He posted a 101-45 record at Page and has a 135-68 overall coaching record.

Gillespie earned undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In addition to coaching, Gillespie teaches physical education. He began his career teaching at North Asheboro Middle School before heading to Asheboro High School in 1995. He has also taught in Davidson, Randolph, and Guilford counties. Gillespie has served as the head football coach at Trinity High School, and as an assistant football coach at Ledford High School (1996-2000) and Asheboro High School (1994-1995).

"We are pleased to welcome Coach Gillespie," said Brian Saunders, principal at Asheboro High School. "He brings a wealth of knowledge to our football program. We look forward to welcoming him back to Asheboro High School," he added.

Originally from Trinity, Gillespie will return to his Blue Comet roots where he began teaching and coaching over 20 years ago. Gillespie will meet with Asheboro High School students at 6 p.m. on Monday evening.

About Asheboro City Schools

Asheboro City Schools is a medium-sized school district in North Carolina, serving approximately 5,000 students at eight schools and one five-star Early Childhood Development Center. The district's mission is to graduate responsible citizens who are prepared to succeed

in higher education or the career of their choice. For more information, visit the district's website at <u>http://www.asheboro.k12.nc.us/</u>.

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