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Lake Highland's Defensive Coordinator Tabbed McKinney High School Athletic Coordinator/Head Football Coach

McKINNEY, Texas – The McKinney ISD Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Jeff Smith, Defensive Coordinator at Lake Highlands High School, as the new McKinney High School Athletic Coordinator and Head Football Coach. Jeff Smith has served as a coach and teacher at Lake Highlands High School since 2007.

“Jeff is extremely enthusiastic and demonstrates a unique ability to relate to students,” said Dr. Kennedy, McKinney ISD Superintendent of Schools. “His proven success as both an offensive and defensive coordinator will bode well for moving the McKinney High School football program forward. In addition, he has extensive experience coaching other sports and has served as a great advocate for both boys and girls athletics.”

This year, the Lake Highlands football team earned the title of the #1 ranked 5A defense in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, giving up an average of only 215 yards and 16 points per game. Lake Highlands High School was the 9-5A District Runner-Up (9-3) and advanced to the area qualifier in the playoffs. In 2008, the team went 10-3 and was named 9-5A District Champions. They advanced in the playoffs as Area Champions and reached the Regional Semi-Finals.

Prior to working in Richardson ISD, Jeff Smith was an Offensive Coordinator at Lorena High School, just outside of Waco, Texas. While at Lorena High School he also served in numerous coaching capacities, including, but not limited to: Offensive Running Game Coordinator, Offensive Line Coach, Head JV Coach, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Head Girls Track Coach, and Head Girls Basketball Coach. He also served as an Athletic Coordinator/Head 10th Grade Football Coach at Vines High School in Plano ISD. Other coaching experience includes Schimelpfenig Middle School, Plano Senior High School, and Robinson Middle School all in Plano ISD. While serving as an Assistant Coach at Plano Senior High School the football team was crowned Area Finalist.

Jeff Smith has taught U.S. History, Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. History, World History, World Geography, Physical Education and Health. He has also worked with the PALs Program (Peer Assistance and Leadership). He is actively involved in the Texas High School Coaches Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Coaches Outreach.

Jeff earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He and his wife Kelli currently reside in Murphy, Texas and they are the proud parents of son Jake and daughter Allie.

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