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**From : "Ensign, Joan"**

**To : "Dawn Heinrichs" , "Guttenberg, Randy" , "Jack Heinemann" , "Judith Engebretson" , "Katherine Dotzler" , "Mark Hetzel" , "Ted Frey"**

**Subject : Fwd: Dana MacKenzie**

Good morning Thomas,

Thank you for your email and sharing your experiences with us. I am forwarding your message to the rest of the Board members and the superintendent so everyone has the chance to read your letter.

Thank you,  
Joan Ensign

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From: **Thomas Bethke <[tbethke@sdb.k12.wi.us](mailto:tbethke@sdb.k12.wi.us)>**

Date: Mon, May 22, 2023 at 7:09 AM

Subject: Dana MacKenzie

To: <[joanensign@waunakee.k12.wi.us](mailto:joanensign@waunakee.k12.wi.us)>

To the members of the School Board of Waunakee;

I am writing this email in support of Coach Dana MacKenzie.

I am a 32 year member of the WIAA and have worked for Dana as a basketball official for the past 15 years or more. I have known Dana and his staff to be honorable, demonstrate integrity and be positive role-models for their student athletes.

Recently I was told that the program was being accused of not paying officials and "stealing money from their basketball accounts."

Having worked for Dana and members of his program, I can tell you that I have always been paid on time and none of my associates have ever conveyed to me anything different. Currently, there is a shortage of officials and if a program was not paying officials or breaking contracts, then officials would avoid that place at all costs.

I also work as an official assignor for many tournaments and leagues in the area. Officials want to work where they are treated with respect and paid accordingly. When I book officials for tournaments or leagues at

Waunakee, I do not have a problem securing officials. That is in part because of what Dana and his program have done for the past 20 years.

Again Dana's program has demonstrated respect and integrity throughout my tenure in Madison.

Thank you for your time,

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**Thomas R Bethke**

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