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From : "Ensign, Joan"

To : "Jason Buchman"

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Subject : Re: Support for Coach MacKenzie

Good afternoon Jason,

Thank you for sharing your concerns with a recent decision regarding Dana MacKenzie. These decisions are complicated and never easy. I will be including the rest of the board members and the administration with my reply so everyone has the opportunity to read your letter.

Sincerely,
Joan Ensign

On Sun, May 21, 2023 at 6:07 AM Jason Buchman <buchman.jason@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Morning Joan,

I am writing this letter to show my full support for Coach Dana Mackenzie, his amazing staff, and the culture and commitment they've brought to Waunakee Basketball.

His accolades on the court speak for themselves over 300 wins, 12 conference titles, and 3 trips to State.

More importantly though is the impact he has made on the players, staff, parents, and fans who show up to Warrior Field House. I'm always amazed whenever I see Coach Mackenzie on how he remembers players name from 20 years ago heck even from his time at Pec before making the "Kee" what it is today which is a powerhouse program envied by many other programs throughout the state. Those same players and parents are quick to give him a hug or handshake and thank him for the impact he's had on their lives.

More importantly than all of that is his character on which he has built the youth program throughout Waunakee. Coach Mac and his staff put in countless hours preparing for camps, practices, walking coaches through practice routines and play designs, and setting up youth coaches like myself and my players for success.

I was a proud "Spartan"(McFarland) for life. I grew up in HS wanting to beat Waunakee but now I wear purple with pride and represent the "Kee" cause of the above mentioned reasons, the culture that the coaches instilled, the heart and soul they put in, and honestly the "Kee" is a better place because of this staff!

There is a lot of noise and honestly bullies with money that have made not only the coaches lives difficult (which should never happen based on their commitment to the kids in this community) but your life a little more miserable than you'd like it to be! We teach in our society today being a bully is unacceptable everyone from parents, coaches, teachers, etc preach and teach this. So can we really let a "Select" few who have spouted off unsubstantiated claims win? The answer is NO.

Please take the time to really listen and read the emails, posts, letters, and comments from current players, parents, alumni, alumni parents, youth players, youth coaches, and youth parents who support Coach Mackenzie and his awesome staff! We are lucky to have these individuals.

Let's do the right thing and bring Coach Mac Back.

Thank you for your time,
Jason Buchman

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