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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Lindale ISD Recommends New Athletic Director to Board of Trustees**

Lindale ISD Superintendent Stan Surratt is proud to announce that Mike Maddox will be recommended to the Lindale ISD Board of Trustees Monday, May 12th for the position of Athletic Director. Coach Maddox will oversee all athletic programs for grades 7th-12th.

“We are very excited to recommend Coach Maddox to join our Lindale team,” said Lindale ISD Superintendent Stan Surratt. “Coach Maddox is a perfect fit for our athletic program. He has the reputation of not only being one of the most respected coaches in East Texas, but also as a wonderful mentor for young athletes and coaches. “

Coach Maddox has led the Grace football program for the last eleven years. Under Maddox’s leadership, the Grace football teams have reached playoff seasons for the past eight consecutive years. Coach Maddox was also named NCSAA National Coach of the Year in 2016.

Before taking the helm at Grace, Coach Maddox was the Offensive Coordinator for the Gilmer Buckeyes. In 2004, Gilmer won a state championship under Maddox’s leadership and also set a new school record in scoring.

“Mike Maddox will do an incredible job for Lindale,” said former Gilmer Head Football Coach and current SMU Assistant Coach Jeff Taylor. “He has been a mentor for me on and off of the field for many years. The kids of Lindale are about to be influenced by one of the truly good guys in our business. Certainly a great coach, but an even better person.”

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