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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Lindale ISD Hires New Head Football Coach**

Lindale ISD is excited to announce the hiring of Coach Chris Cochran as the new Head Football Coach.

Coach Cochran is a graduate of Hallsville High School and East Texas Baptist University (ETBU) where he earned a Bachelors of Science in Education. During his time at Hallsville, Cochran was voted team captain on the Regional Semi-Finalist Football Team and was honored as a 2nd Team All-District offensive lineman. Prior to his time at ETBU, Cochran played one year as a walk-on offensive lineman at Ouachita Baptist University.

Cochran is a member of the Texas High School Coaches Association, Coaches Outreach Bible Study and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In 2016, he was honored with the Defensive Coordinator position at the Northeast Texas FCA Heart of a Champion Bowl.

“We are pleased to announce Coach Cochran as the new head coach for the Lindale Eagles football program,” said LISD Superintendent Stan Surratt. “He has been extremely successful as a defensive coordinator and in other other coaching responsibilities. His passion to help our youth grow as football players and as individuals set him apart from other candidates. We look forward to much Lindale Football success under the leadership and guidance of Coach Cochran.”

Coach Cochran and his wife Lindsay, have been with the Lindale Eagles for the past two years where Chris has served as the defensive coordinator with the football program, and Lindsay in the R&R program with the Lindale Early Childhood Center. Cochran previously held

coaching positions at Hallsville, Bishop T.K Gorman and Grace Community High School.

“I am so thankful to have the opportunity to be the Head Football Coach at Lindale,” said Cochran. “Lindale has always been a special place to my wife and I. We feel so fortunate to be in this position. I love the students and athletes at Lindale High School and I look forward to leading them. I want to thank Coach Meador for the impact that he has had on me throughout my career and I look forward to building on the things that he has done for this program. It is my goal to make Lindale Football something that our students, faculty, and community can be proud of, on and off the field. I am fired up about this challenge and ready to get to work!”

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