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New Basketball Coach at LDHS

Laurens, SC – May 15, 2017 – Laurens District High School (LDHS) has been searching for a new coach for their boys' basketball program for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond. Because of the overall quality of the candidates applying for the job, the process required a thorough examination of the candidates and three rounds of interviews. Out of that process, Ryan Walker, formerly a varsity assistant coach at Dorman High School, has been selected to lead the Raider program into the future.

As an assistant coach, Walker helped lead Dorman High School to the 2017 AAAAA State Championship. He has a B.A. in Biological Sciences with a minor in Sports Management and an M.S. in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. Walker has experience as a college Division I and Division II player and coach, head coaching experience at the middle school level and, most recently, assistant coaching experience at the varsity level with the Dorman Cavaliers. Walker understands that academics are the first priority for student-athletes; but, in athletics he believes in accountability and uses discipline, respect, attitude, and effort as the four pillars of his program for student-athletes. As a teacher, Walker is expected to fill a physical education vacancy at the high school.

District Athletic Director, Ed Murray, said, "we had a very challenging selection process with candidates ranging from former NBA players to current college coaches. In the end, we felt like Walker's experience with a highly successful 5-A program gave him a head start in identifying what work needs to be done to bring the Raiders to the same competitive level." Superintendent, Dr. Stephen Peters, said, "I am very pleased with the process we went through and I am confident that basketball has a bright future at LDHS."

LDHS and LCSD 55 serve the communities of Laurens, Waterloo, Gray Court, Hickory Tavern and their surrounding residents in the western half of Laurens County, SC.

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