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North Surry Greyhounds' Head Coach, Danny Lyons Resigns

After seven years as the head football coach at North Surry High School, Danny Lyons officially resigned effective Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Mr. Lyons also served as assistant coach of the Greyhounds for six years, from 2006-2011. Lyons shared his plans to resign with principal, Mrs. Paige Badgett, on Tuesday afternoon, and shared the news with his players in a called football team meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019. His wife, Kim, accompanied him to both meetings.

While not an easy decision, Lyons stated, "It is my plan to pursue school administration, and in the immediate future spend more time with my family while continuing to teach Social Studies at North Surry. My wife, Kim, and children, Brett, Micah, and Luke have been such an important part of my journey. We truly did this as a family and I consider myself lucky and fortunate to have worked with such an awesome staff that mostly stayed intact all seven years. That continuity should bode well for the future of the program."

Lyons concludes his tenure with an overall record of 46-35 in seven seasons as head coach from 2012-2018. The Greyhounds achieved a record of 46-30 with 26-13 in conference play in seven regular seasons. The team had one conference title in 2017, which was the first in 17 seasons and the 7th in North Surry History. The Greyhounds also amassed five playoff appearances in 2012, and 2015-2018. Four straight births are the most consecutive appearances since the team made it seven straight seasons from 1996 - 2002. In conference play, the Greyhounds had a record of 11-1 the last two seasons and won 20 of the last 25 regular season games dating back to 2016.

Lyons further stated, "I want to thank Mr. Bill Goins for giving me the opportunity to serve as the head coach seven years ago, and Mr. Neil Atkins, and Mrs. Paige Badgett for being supportive through the good and the bad. I also want to thank Coaches Shane Slate and Chris Butler for being supportive Athletic Directors."

Under Lyons, 21 student-athletes signed to play college football. “It is all about our young men. I consider it a privilege to be able to lead young people every single day in a sport that has given me so much. We have great kids at North Surry and the relationships will be what I miss the most. We won some games and lost some games but our kids always played hard and I feel we did it the right way. I am excited about where this program is competitively and culturally. I feel the future is really bright for North Surry Football in the talent that we have returning, the talent coming up from the middle schools, and our strong little league programs. Just as he had done, one of my mentors, Coach Brian Hampton told me shortly after I took the job, ‘Leave it better than you found it,’ and I feel we have done that,” Lyons remarked.

Principal Paige Badgett shared in the meeting with players, “We have some big shoes to fill and I agree that Coach Lyons left it better than he found it. That is always the goal. He bleeds blue and grey and I respect Danny Lyons for the decision he has made. I know it wasn’t easy but he made the decision to have an even larger impact and no one can fault him for that. A search will begin immediately for Coach Lyons’ replacement and details will be forthcoming.”

“The Surry County Board of Education and I appreciate Danny Lyons and the impact he has had on the North Surry community and football program. He has always been a positive role model that has developed a program centered around trust, self-discipline, and the concept of team over the individual. Based on the success Coach Lyons has had with his football team, I am confident he will be successful in his future endeavors. I wish he and his family well as he continues to teach and instill positive values in our youth,” commented Superintendent, Dr. Travis L. Reeves.



