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North Surry High School Names Head Football Coach

North Surry High School is excited to announce that offensive coordinator, Mr. Patrick Taylor will take over the helm as the new head varsity football coach. Taylor is a graduate of Liberty University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Education. Currently, he teaches construction technology at North Surry and the Surry Virtual Academy. Taylor has also taught and holds credentials and certifications in drafting, project management, carpentry, and career management.

Coach Taylor's experience with North Surry football began in 2010 when he became the defensive coordinator. In the spring of 2014, Taylor requested a move to offensive coordinator where he has served the Greyhounds ever since. Prior to his football career with the Greyhounds, Taylor served as the assistant head football coach, offensive and defensive coordinator for North Wilkes High School from 2008-2010; and head football coach, offensive coordinator, defensive coordinator, and strength and conditioning coach for Central Fellowship Christian from 2002-2008.

In his spare time, Taylor is the publishing author of several books and the inventor of the *Open Grass Reads Quarterback Training System*. He also serves as the chief writer for www.footballxos.com, coaches over 600 coaches in 42 states, and has been a featured online clinic speaker for www.chiefpigskin.com and www.alabamaspread.com.

Taylor commented, "I am very excited about this opportunity and honored to follow my friend and coach, Danny Lyons. I look forward to working with the current football staff and administration to take the Greyhounds from where we are currently to carry on the legacy and to

further commit to North Surry, students, the community, and to develop players on and off the field.”

Coach Taylor believes football teaches many life lessons and that accountability and discipline are the basics needed for being a successful part of the community. “Persistence and focus on hard work lead to success. The willingness to endure discomfort for the greater good is the basis for [teams] reaching their goals,” Taylor shared.

Principal, Mrs. Paige Badgett stated, “We are excited that one of our own, Coach Patrick Taylor, will become the new head football coach at North Surry. Coach Taylor will bring consistency to the team, already has the respect of the players, and brings a wealth of football knowledge and experience to the football program. I am confident he will continue to move our program in the right direction and I look forward to celebrating continued success with him.”

Principal Badgett felt it was important to include the community on the interview team when selecting the next Greyhound football coach. Mr. Chris Martin, one of the community representatives on the interview team remarked, “Congratulations to Coach Taylor. I wish him the best at continuing the winning tradition at North Surry.”

Another community representative on the interview team, Mr. Brad Collins shared, “Coach Taylor exhibits a true servant’s heart and a great knowledge of the sport. Also, praise is due to Mrs. Badgett for involving the community in the decision. Football is more than Friday nights, but it is a community venture. I look forward to our little league players growing up under Coach Taylor, and where the Greyhounds football program is headed.”

Coach Taylor and his wife, Amanda, along with their daughters, Mary Beth, a junior at North Surry, and Jessica, a senior at North Surry, live in the Westfield community. The public is invited to attend a meet and greet scheduled for Wednesday, March 27 at 4:30 pm in the North Surry High School Media Center.

