



Tippecanoe Football



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Friends, Parents, Players, and Alumni,

I'm writing to inform you that I am resigning my position as the Head Football Coach at Tippecanoe High School. The 2018 season marked just my fourth year as the head coach but eleventh overall as a coach and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

In May of 2015, when I accepted the position of head coach, I had no idea the impact this community and school district would have on me. I knew I wanted to be the best person that I could be and lead others to do the same.

I have made it my mission statement to create a culture of **trust**, character, dependability and leadership through **commitment** of one another and a tradition of excellence while competing at the highest level. The end result of the football program was always to prepare everyone in the program to be employable adults demonstrated through trustworthiness and commitment, as well as great fathers, husbands and great members of society. I know in my heart I have done my very best executing this mission statement every single day. I truly hope I have impacted others as much as they have impacted me!

Being the head football coach at Tippecanoe was a gift that I could never repay. I have had the privilege and honor to collaborate and work with countless young men and coaches through the greatest game, high school football.

I wanted to take the time to thank my family for the countless hours I spent away from them doing what I love, coaching and mentoring. My wife Lindsey, her parents, and my parents for the hours they spent watching my son Jaxson during times I was at practice, speaking at an event, attending a clinic, coaching a game, or weight lifting in the off-season.

I wish I could share with you what is next, but I'm not entirely sure. I enjoy working for a great school district at Tipp and I love my teaching job.

There is no question that God played a huge role in placing me at Tipp and at the perfect time. I know he has a plan for my future. I have no doubt the next head football coach at Tipp will find the same joys as I have.

With all good wishes,

Joel Derge

"Trust, Commitment, Attitude, Effort"



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