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MOUNT VERNON ANNOUNCES NEW HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

Mount Vernon, Indiana - The Metropolitan School District has announced their new head basketball coach: Doug Novsek. Novsek was approved by the Mount Vernon School Board on Tuesday, May 20, making his new role official. He brings an extensive 36-year collegiate coaching career from universities across the country including Indiana State University, Texas State University, Illinois State University, University of Nebraska, University of Nevada, University of Idaho, and Eastern Illinois University. He most recently served as assistant coach to Head Coach Stan Gouard at the University of Southern Indiana. From 2015 to 2018, Novsek served as assistant coach for the Purple Aces, helping them achieve a 25-9 record and reach the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament championship game in 2016. While serving as Assistant Head Coach for the University of Nevada (2006-2015), he contributed to three Western Athletic Conference regular-season championships and five postseason appearances, including the NCAA Tournament in 2007.

Throughout his coaching career, Novsek has been instrumental in developing players who advanced to professional careers, including NBA players like Ramon Sessions and Armon Johnson during his tenure at Nevada. During his time with the University of Idaho, Novsek served as assistant coach and later associate head coach, coaching standout player Trevon Allen, who ranked 15th in NCAA scoring during his tenure. Before beginning his coaching career, young Novsek was a standout player at Lawrenceville High School and Southern Illinois University (1983-1987). During his high school career, Novsek scored 2,183 career points, ranking him among the top scorers in Illinois high school basketball history. As a senior, he was the second runner-up for Illinois Mr. Basketball. While playing for the Salukis at SIU, he served as team captain for two seasons and averaged 9.4 points per game with an 83.5% free throw rate over 87 career games.

Coach Novsek will be fulfilling the role previously held by Coach Joe Newcomb who coached for six years at Mount Vernon Senior High School. Athletic Director of the Metropolitan School District of Mount Vernon, Leigh Latshaw, explained, "As the Athletic Director at Mount Vernon, I am very appreciative of the hard work that Coach Joe Newcomb put into both our high school and youth programs, and I wish him much success in his new journey at Springs Valley." Newcomb has accepted a new position as Head Boys Basketball Coach for Springs Valley Community Schools (French Lick, Indiana).

Coach Novsek will be assisted by new assistant coach Robin Duncan. Born and raised in Evansville, Indiana, Duncan is a graduate of Evansville Harrison High School (2017). Duncan graduated from the University of Vermont after a successful collegiate basketball career as a guard. During his career at Vermont, Duncan aided his team in three NCAA tournaments and was named first team all-conference during his final season. Following graduation from the University of Vermont, Duncan took his basketball career to the next level by playing guard in the Netherlands for LWD Basket Leeuwarden.

"I am also very excited that Coach Doug Novsek is bringing his knowledge and love of the game, along with energy and connections to Mount Vernon High School, to take over our program. His vast experience as a Division I college assistant coach will be beneficial to our current student athletes as well as our future basketball players as we look to continue to build and grow our program. I believe that combining Coach Novsek with a former standout of Evansville Harrison High School and professional player (Netherlands), Robin Duncan, will give our program the 1-2 punch for both immediate and future success!" - Leigh Latshaw,

Athletic Director of the Metropolitan School District of Mount Vernon

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Founded in 1870, The Metropolitan School District of Mount Vernon in Mount Vernon, Indiana, stands as a paragon of educational excellence, renowned for its blend of academic rigor, innovative programming, and comprehensive technology integration. Our school district includes five schools in Posey County: Farmersville Elementary School, Marrs Elementary School, West Elementary School, Mount Vernon Junior High School, and Mount Vernon Senior High School. Our district boasts a team of dedicated educators who foster a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment, ensuring every student is equipped for success. With a strong emphasis on community engagement and continuous improvement, we pride ourselves on our extensive extracurricular successes and commitment to sustainability. MSD of Mt. Vernon is not just a school district; it's a thriving educational community where every student is empowered to reach their full potential.

