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## NMCS announces leadership transition in boys' basketball program

Rich Bennett, has officially stepped down from his position as head coach of the varsity boys' basketball program at Northern Michigan Christian School.

I thank Coach Bennett for stepping up to lead this past season and for his dedication to our school, community, and boys' basketball program. His leadership and support of our student athletes was seen in the product on and off the court. His focus on fundamentals, accountability, strategy, and the overall well-being of the Christian men that he led will be felt for generations to come. He now looks forward to cheering on the Comets and supporting his children in their basketball careers at the collegiate and high school level.

I am excited to announce that Tyler Hoover has been selected as our next head coach. Hoover joined the team this season as an assistant coach under Coach Bennett and currently resides in the area after his family made the move from the metro Detroit area over a year ago.

Coach Hoover graduated from Novi High School in 2008 where he was a standout basketball and football player. After high school, he was recruited by the University of Michigan to play football and basketball but ultimately chose Michigan State University to continue his football career under head coach, Mark Dantanio.

Hoover was a starting defensive tackle for the Spartans during the 2013 season when Michigan State claimed the Big Ten Championship. Hoover and the Spartans went on to defeat Stanford in the Rose Bowl that year.

After college in 2014, Hoover continued his football career as a member of the Indianapolis Colts and the Philadelphia Eagles.

While new to the area and school, Hoover's love for NMCS and our Christ-centered mission is incredible. His family has hit the ground running at NMCS and are now Comets through and through.

Coach Hoover's resume is impressive, but more impressive is the respect he has earned from our student athletes by working alongside them during the past season. His dedication to the "whole athlete" is tremendous and his focus on the strength, health, and training of our students will certainly give our program an advantage on and off the court.

Coach Hoover has learned from some of the best NCAA and NFL coaches around the country and I am excited to see him bring that viewpoint and leadership to our student athletes.

Tyler and his wife Alexas, reside in Falmouth with their two girls who currently attend NMCS.

We praise God for leading the Hoover family to NMCS. I am certain that our community and students will be blessed by their influence for years to come. The tradition and strength of our basketball program is alive and well from the youth to the high school level and under the leadership of Coach Hoover, the excitement for the sport across all grade levels will continue to flourish.

It is a great day and exciting time to be a Comet!