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ELLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL HIRES ACCOMPLISHED VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH

Coach Marc Tancredi Brings Impressive Resume to Talented Lady Knights Roster

ELLINGTON, CT - The Athletic Department is pleased to announce the hiring of Marc Tancredi who will be taking over as the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Tancredi comes to Ellington as a seasoned coach with experience at the collegiate and high school levels.

Coach Tancredi holds a Bachelor's in Movement & Sports Studies (Physical Education) from Springfield College and a Master's in Sports Management with a certificate in Athletic Administration from Southern New Hampshire University.

Coach Tancredi previously spent five seasons as the Newington High School (NHS) Girls Basketball Varsity coach. During his tenure, the team won an impressive 122 games losing only 23. Tancredi is the fastest coach to 100 wins in the program's history. In the 2021-2022 season, NHS went 25-3 with an appearance in the state championship game, following up with two semi-finalist finishes in the state tournament. Coach has had multiple players go on to play at the collegiate level.



Coach Marc Tancredi

"I am honored to lead the Ellington Lady Knights to start the 2024-2025 season and am impressed with the community's commitment to providing a high-level experience for its student-athletes. I intend to develop a culture built on integrity, perseverance, and family to ensure Ellington is consistently one of the top programs in the NCCC and competing for state titles. High-character student-athletes with winning habits develop over time, and I look forward to sharing my basketball knowledge with youth players who aspire to one day be a Lady Knight!"

-Marc Tancredi, Head Girls Basketball Coach

Coach Tancredi was among six highly qualified candidates interviewed by the search committee and was the unanimous recommendation to the Superintendent of Schools for consideration. The search committee was comprised of the following:

Anderson Rawlins, Director of Athletics & Wellness, Chair
Lizzie Dzen, Student-Athlete
Bob Freitas, Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach
Madison Havenor, Student-Athlete

Lauren Hoover, Student-Athlete
Tara Kozik, Parent
Jim Laughlan, Parent
Millie Oliva, Student-Athlete

Sophomore Millie Oliva stated, *"We were searching for a coach who would invest in the entire Ellington girls' basketball program, not just the varsity team. Coach Tancredi seems like a great fit; someone who will build long-term success through the Town's youth programs."*

"The committee was impressed with Coach's basketball knowledge, yet equally as impressed with his commitment to ensuring all players develop into successful young adults," shared Junior Lauren Hoover.

Marc resides in Tolland with his wife and two young children. His coaching duties began on October 16th.
