

May 12, 2009

To: Kirksville R-3 School District Board Members
Mr. Patrick Williams, Superintendent
Mr. Jeff Mikel, Director of Activities and Operations

As members of the Kirksville R-3 School District, we would like to ask that you please reconsider your recent decision to not renew Coach Chuck Arnold's coaching contract for the next school year.

The following reasons are why we would like Chuck Arnold to be reinstated as the head boys' basketball coach at Kirksville High School:

- Coach Arnold had a winning record from his three years at KHS 48-29 which included three trips to the district championship and a conference and district championship win in 2007.
- Coach Arnold loves the game of basketball and inspired his players to play with the same intensity and passion.
- Coach Arnold motivated players and helped them to believe in themselves.
- Coach Arnold developed relationships with his players – relationships that lasted after they left high school. His players love him.
- Coach Arnold disciplined his players for inappropriate behavior.
- Coach Arnold is respected by his players.
- Coach Arnold inspired his players and encouraged them to be the best they can be.

We acknowledge how difficult your job is in keeping good staff members in Kirksville and we ask you to please seriously reconsider this decision. Many community members have expressed concern about this decision and the desire to have Coach Arnold remain in the head boys' basketball coach position. If you have concerns with discipline or other leadership issues, as his supervisors, please mentor him and provide guidance to help him to grow and develop into the best coach that he can be.

Our kids are depending on you to do the right thing!

Thank you for your serious consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Members of the Kirksville R-3 District