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Hertford County Board of Education Announces Appointment of Head Football Coach

Hertford County, 4/12/2024 – Hertford County Board of Education announces the appointment of Willie H. Gillus III as the new head coach for the Hertford County High School football team. With an illustrious background in both high school and college football, Gillus brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to the sport to his new role.

Gillus, a standout Tight End and Long Snapper during his tenure at Morgan State University, has a decorated history in football. His dedication and talent were instrumental in the success of the Morgan State Bears, where he played a pivotal role in securing the MEAC championship in 2014 and participating in the Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs the same year. Gillus has been recognized as an MEAC All-Conference Tight End and Morgan State Special Team Player of the Year, demonstrating his exceptional skills on the field.

Transitioning from player to coach, Gillus has continued to make significant contributions to the football community. His previous roles include Offensive Assistant at Hertford County High School, Head Football Coach, PE Teacher, and Dean of Students at John Marshall High School. Most recently, he served as Head Football Coach and PE Teacher at Justice High School, where he coached nine 6A all-conference players and was honored as Teacher of the Month.

Gillus's roots in football run deep, with his father, Willie Gillus Jr., a former NFL and CFL quarterback, and his family's ties to the Hertford County community. With a passion for the game and a commitment to making a meaningful impact, Gillus is eager to return to his hometown and lead the Hertford County High School football team to success.

Dr. Pratt expresses his enthusiasm for Gillus's appointment, stating, "I am excited about the new coach and the football season ahead. Mr. Gillus experience, dedication, and passion for the sport makes him an ideal leader for our team".



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