## Conley resigns as head soccer coach, takes job at Blue Valley West



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He was recently hired to lead the boys and girls soccer programs at Blue Valley West, where he will serve as the head coach of both teams.

Conley, who also taught social studies at LHS, informed the players and parents of his decision on May 4. The Blue Valley Board of Education approved his hire on May 9.

"Making the decision to leave Louisburg was extremely difficult," Conley said. "The players and parents, both past and present, made this decision tough. No parents or players caused this decision. I am very thankful to Mr. (Dave) Tappan and Mr. (Darin) Gagnebin for giving me this opportunity to coach and teach at Louisburg. The amount of support that my teams, my family and I received from Louisburg soccer parents and the community was incredible."

Conley has the been head girls coach at Louisburg since its inception in 2016 and has led that program to four consecutive

state final fours.

Twice, the Wildcats made the state championship game and finished runner-up on both occasions. He has guided the program to an 82-34-3 record.

Conley took over the boys program in 2016 and finished with a 77-32-3 record. He led the Wildcats to two state final fours during that span, including a third place finish in 2020.

"I am so proud of the things that our student athletes in the soccer programs have accomplished both on and off the soccer field," Conley said. "I will always cherish the memories that we have made here with the Louisburg soccer programs."

Conley was named the Class 4-1A Coach of the Year on three different occasions and also earned the Girls Midwest Coach of the Year by the United Soccer Coaches.

Now, Conley will move onto a Blue Valley West program that has won several state championships since its inception in 2001. The move was more than just about soccer, however.

"Blue Valley West provided a teaching atmosphere that is challenging and will push me to be a better educator," he said. "The opportunity to coach such quality soccer programs, that are rich in history, is just icing on the cake."