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Garner and Maurer to Retire at end of 2020-21 School Year

Columbia, Mo.- The Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) has announced the retirement plans of two Assistant Executive Directors. Kevin Garner and Don Maurer will be retiring at the end of the 2020-21 school year, as approved by the MSHSAA Board of Directors.

Garner joined the MSHSAA staff in 2005. Over the past 16 years, Garner has overseen the sports of boys and girls tennis, boys and girls basketball, and boys and girls soccer. He has also assisted with the numerous transfer requests that the MSHSAA office sees each year.

In addition to directly overseeing his sports, Garner also served as a liaison with the Missouri Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA). He assisted with the coordination of the annual MIAAA/MSHSAA Summer AD Workshop for activity directors from across the state. Garner also served a four-year term on the NFHS Basketball rules committee.

Outside of the office, Garner also serves as an adjunct faculty member teaching Master level courses in athletic administration at William Woods University in Fulton.

Having served as activities director at Rolla High School for seven years, Garner oversaw programs for both the high school and junior high school. He was named the MIAAA Athletic Director of the year in 2004.

Garner's coaching career began at Richland High School, where he coached both boys basketball and baseball. He coached boys basketball and track and field at Clark County High School in Kahoka for four years. Garner also coached basketball and track and field at Sullivan for four years. While coaching the Eagles, he earned the Four Rivers Conference Coach of the Year award the same year as he coached SHS to the Show-Me Showdown.

Maurer joined the MSHSAA staff in 2015. He has overseen the activities of baseball, softball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls golf, boys and girls track and field, and speech, debate and theatre. He has also overseen the postseason assignment of basketball officials.

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"The MSHSAA promotes the value of participation, sportsmanship, team play and personal excellence to develop citizens who make positive contributions to their community and support the democratic principles of our state and nation."

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Prior to his time at the MSHSAA office, Maurer served as Director of Athletics at MICDS in St. Louis. While at MICDS, he oversaw 28 programs consisting of 93 teams at the Upper School and Middle School programs. Maurer was instrumental in developing programs such as C.H.A.M.P.S-The MICDS Athletic Covenant and the Captains' Council leadership program. In addition to his administrative and teaching accolades, his 2002 boys basketball team won the Class 3A title that year.

Before taking the reins at MICDS, Maurer served as the head basketball coach at St. Louis University High School for 14 years. While completing his graduate degree at the University of Illinois, Maurer was a member of the men's basketball coaching staff under legendary coach Lou Hansen. Maurer also served as director of athletics and basketball coach at his alma mater, Notre Dame Regional High School in Cape Girardeau. He began his teaching and coaching career at St. Vincent High School in Perryville.

A member of the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Maurer was awarded the Stephanie Phillips Survivors Award for his work with Coaches vs. Cancer in 2013. Maurer has served on the board of directors of both the MBCA and MSHSAA prior to joining the office staff.

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