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School Press Release

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Youngblood Accepts Basketball Position

School Board Trustees named Jon Youngblood as the next varsity boys' basketball coach for the Carroll Dragons. The unanimous decision was made during Monday evening's School Board meeting at Johnson Elementary School. Youngblood replaces Chauncey Willingham who served as the interim head coach during the 2006-2007 season.

School officials say Youngblood was chosen by a seven-member interview committee from among more than 100 applicants for the Carroll position. Since 2001, he has been the varsity coach at Newman Smith High School in Carrollton Farmer's Branch where he led his team to the 5A Regional Quarterfinals, tying a school record with 27 wins and only eight losses.

Youngblood will earn \$66,732 in his new role leading the Dragons. He has 20 years experience in education, teaching physical education and secondary health. His career includes experience as a classroom teacher, an assistant principal, athletic administrative assistant, assistant coach and as a varsity coach for basketball, golf, baseball and football (defensive coordinator).

"Jon is one of the most highly respected basketball coaches in the Metroplex," said Athletic Director Ronnie Tipps. "He has an outstanding background in developing winning programs, and we look forward to him taking the Carroll boys' basketball program to the next level."

Youngblood graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. He has also completed 18 hours towards a master's degree in Administrative Mid-Management at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He began his teaching and coaching career in Nixon-Smiley High School, making stops in Flatonia, Little

River, and Kilgore before accepting the Newman Smith job. Youngblood has posted 334 career wins and 219 losses.

He is a six-time District Coach of the Year, winning six district championships and making the state play-offs eleven times as either a varsity coach or assistant coach. He's directed a number of summer camps for the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and is also a member of the Texas High School Coaches Association and the Association of Texas Professional Educators.

During 2005-2006, he served as President of the Dallas Area Basketball Coaches, a 137-member association. In 2001 he was a 4A/5A All Star-Coach Nominee, and in 1998 he was honored as the Waco Tribune Super-Centex Coach of the Year.

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