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To the James Madison High School Community,

I am writing to you today to announce that Mark Smith, athletic director and head football coach at James Madison High School, is retiring. Coach Smith has accepted a position outside of coaching/teaching, which allows him to move closer to his new grandson.

Coach Smith has served our campus and community for a couple of years and has made a lasting and positive impact in the areas of our football program, school athletics, and interdepartmental collaboration.

I have enjoyed a very productive and rewarding partnership with Coach Smith, as we worked together in continuing the great athletic traditions at Madison. I would like to wish Coach Smith all the best in his new endeavors and thank him for his dedicated and exemplary work on behalf of our students, parents, staff, and community.

I have been in contact with Karen Funk, Executive Director for Athletics, and will be meeting with her in the very near future to discuss our next steps as we move toward hiring a new athletic director/head football coach.

Thank you for your continued support! Go Mavs!

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra", followed by a long, horizontal flourish.

Debra Aceves-Torres, PhD
Principal