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## OSSAA HIRES LENNY HATCHETT AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

(Oklahoma City, OK) The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association is excited to announce the hiring of Lenny Hatchett as an Assistant Director. He will replace Amy Cassell, who will be retiring after 25 years at the OSSAA.

Hatchett's responsibilities will include providing leadership to and the coordination of OSSAA Class 6A and 5A Basketball along with other administrative responsibilities. He comes to the OSSAA from Del City High School where he has served as the Head Boys Basketball Coach and Assistant Boys and Girls Track Coach since 2016. Hatchett has a total of 27 years in education and coaching with stops at Carl Albert, Mount St. Mary, Edmond Santa Fe and Del City where he has been a school administrator, classroom teacher and basketball and track coach. Hatchett has guided 14 of his teams to state tournaments in his 21 years as a basketball head coach and has six combined state championships in basketball and track. He has also served on the board of directors for the Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association representing Region 8.

"The OSSAA is extremely lucky to have the opportunity to bring in someone with the character, integrity and leadership qualities that Lenny has," Executive Director David Jackson said. "He is well known and respected in the coaching community and with OSSAA member schools. I can't say enough about what Amy Cassell has meant to the association. She has left a mark on the OSSAA and will be greatly missed. Lenny will bring the same enthusiasm and professionalism to working with our schools and students as Amy did."

Lenny and his wife, Cecilia, have a 15-year-old daughter, Meliah, and an 11-year-old son Liam. Hatchett's employment was approved by the OSSAA Board of Directors at the February 12th Board Meeting. His first day at the OSSAA will be on July 1, 2025.