



MHSAA SEEKS MENTOR CANDIDATES FOR NEW “AD CONNECTION” PROGRAM

EAST LANSING, MI - APRIL 10, 2023 - The MHSAA has created a new program for support and service to new athletic directors called the “AD Connection” program. The program will consist of the MHSAA hiring six part-time individuals who will serve as mentor leaders to an assigned group of new athletic directors in the fall of 2023-24. Each mentor will support and serve a cohort of new athletic directors during the school year which will involve a combination of in-person and virtual meetings along with consistent communication (phone, email, text, etc.) throughout the school year.

Mentor candidates must be able to demonstrate a deep respect for the educational philosophy of school-sponsored sports and the positive contributions they make to students, member schools and society. Professional interpersonal relationships, the ability to communicate effectively along with a tremendous work ethic are the most essential skills. The MHSAA seeks to identify the best six candidates who can build relationships and work effectively with new athletic directors and involved MHSAA staff members.

Mentor candidates must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Demonstrated experience as a leader in school sports as an athletic administrator for a minimum of 10 years at an MHSAA member school.
- Be either retired or working limited hours as an athletic administrator to ensure time to commit to the assigned cohort of mentees.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the MHSAA philosophy of school-sponsored sports and support and serve new athletic directors as they begin their careers in this field.

The six selected mentors will work as part-time, at-will contract employees with an annual stipend of \$14,000 plus mileage reimbursement when appropriate. Those persons who wish to be considered for these positions should, **by 4 p.m. on April 21, 2023**, email their résumé, a one-page cover letter and a list of three professional references to:

Email: adconnectionapply@mhsaa.com

More specific position duties and responsibilities will be shared with identified candidates through the interview and selection process.