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Cline Named LHS Head Football Coach

At the Feb. 10 Board of Education meeting, USD 480 administration will recommend that Caleb Cline take over as head coach of the Redskin football program. Cline, a 2002 LHS graduate, has served as defensive coordinator since 2011. Cline is in his fourth year as head track coach and has taught at LHS as an industrial arts teacher since 2006. LHS Athletic Director Rollie Van Wyhe stated that, "Coach Cline has a passion for the game of football; however, he has a greater passion for our community and our students. He has a great relationship with our student-athletes."

As head track coach, Cline has lead a resurgence of the track program at LHS. Not only has participation in the sport increased but the boys team has placed in the top five at the state meet for past two years. HR Director Jason McAfee noted that, "Coach Cline's dedication to LHS and its students really stood out during the interview process. Not only is coach Cline an excellent coach, which is evidenced by his past experience in football and track; but he also has a passion for developing the character of the students he comes in contact with."

Cline, who played for former LHS head football and track coach, Gary Cornelson, issued this statement upon his hiring: "I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to continue the rich tradition at Liberal High School which has enormous meaning to me and my family. Our duty is to ensure that the Liberal High School football program reflects and enhances the academic mission of USD 480. I take great pride in the history, tradition and passion for Liberal High School football; we will work diligently towards increasing the success, reputation and integrity created by our players, students, community, coaches and administration. It is, and always will be, a Great Day to be a Redskin."

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