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**Madison, IN:** Madison varsity boys basketball welcomes back Coach Adam Stotts.

On Wednesday, Madison Athletic Director Joe Bronkella announced the return of Coach Adam Stotts as the new Varsity Boys Basketball coach. “We are very excited that Adam has chosen to return to Madison not only as our coach but to the classroom. The opportunities this provides for our students and athletes will take our program forward both on the court and academically.”

Stotts served as an assistant coach for 3 seasons between 2018 and 2021. Seeking a growth opportunity, he accepted a position earlier this summer at a larger school where he could continue to learn. However, when this opportunity became available, he knew it was where he wanted, check that, needed to be. “I want this job”, shared Stotts. “I want people to know I earned it and I am invested. I will work. Work to build the program, be a part of the building, partner on innovative academic opportunities, be a part of our community - I am what Madison needs. It’s my time to show the area what I can do for all of us, for Madison.”

“It didn’t take long to see that Adam had been preparing for this opportunity”, shared Bronkella. “While a part of our staff, Adam was always prepared and ready and willing to take on more. He was engaging with the players, had ideas and strategies to make them better, and had plans for implementation - all he needed was the opportunity.”

Stotts has high expectations coming into the position and will hit the ground running. He has a six-point approach to the development of the program that he will share in detail with the team as things move forward. The stand-out elements include a focus on developing well-rounded players, students, and young men. “They have to know that we believe in them, will hold them accountable, teach them, and love them,” shared Stotts. “I have always loved Madison and felt as though it is a second home. My approach is high energy - classroom, court, locker room, and community. I want to be here and share my passion and love of the game in this community and with this team.”

A large part of his plan focuses on the development of a healthy and thriving youth feeder system that will be more incorporated with the middle and high school programs. “Vertical alignment is key”, he emphasized. “Our youth teams need to understand our approach and philosophy, know our playbook, and work together to create a pipeline for our middle and high school programs.”

Coach Stotts would like to invite anyone interested in learning more about the upcoming season to attend an informational meeting on Monday, August 2nd at 2 p.m. in the MCHS Cafeteria.