

McKenzie County Public School District #1



For Immediate Release

McKenzie County Public School District #1 Welcomes Mitch Lunde as New Activities Director

McKenzie County Public School District #1 is pleased to announce the hiring of Mitch Lunde as Activities Director, effective July 1, 2026.

Mr. Lunde currently serves as the Activities Director for Minot Public Schools, a position he has held since 2013. Prior to his tenure in Minot, he served for ten years as an Activities Director and Elementary Principal in the Beulah Public School District.

In his current role, Mr. Lunde is the lead administrator overseeing 70 varsity athletic programs and 20 fine arts programs, and has served as tournament manager for more than 87 NDHSAA events. Minot Public

Schools serves over 7,000 students K–12, including two high schools with an enrollment of just over 2,000 students in grades 9–12.

Mr. Lunde was named the 2023–2024 NDIAAA State A Activities Director of the Year and was a 2025 NHSACA Athletic Director National Finalist. He currently serves as Vice President of the NDHSAA Board of Directors.

Renowned for his dedication to student activities across North Dakota at multiple levels, Mr. Lunde brings 23 years of experience in activities administration to Watford City High School and Watford City Middle School, beginning with the 2026–2027 school year.

Mitch and his wife, Jennifer Lunde, will both be joining the Watford City School District. Jennifer will serve as a High School Guidance Counselor at WCHS.

“Jennifer and I are excited to join the Watford City School District and community,” said Lunde. “Great things are happening in Watford City, and being part of the leadership supporting continued growth in athletics and activities is very attractive. I am especially looking forward to being in the building with students and helping make their activities experience a positive one.”

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