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**Escambia County Public Schools Athletic Director Receives National Certification**

Pensacola, FL - The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) is pleased to announce that Casey Thiele, Director of Athletics for Escambia Public Schools has been recognized by this association as a Certified Master Athletic Administrator.

To earn this distinction, Mr. Thiele has demonstrated exemplary knowledge, contributions and on-going professional development in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a thorough evaluation of the candidate's educational background, experience, NIAAA Leadership Courses and professional contributions. It culminates with a practical written or oral presentation project.

Casey Thiele is one of a very elite group of interscholastic athletic administrators nationwide to attain this level of professionalism.

“We are fortunate to have a leader like Mr. Thiele overseeing our athletics departments,” said Keith Leonard, ECPS. “The complexities and regulations associated with athletics are challenging, and it’s reassuring to know Casey has the skills necessary to keep our athletics departments moving forward.”

**About the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)**

The NIAAA is an accredited organization and is the professional organization for interscholastic athletic administrators. Based in Indianapolis, IN, the NIAAA’s mission is to provide professional development options for directors of athletics, and to enhance the athletic administration profession. With a current individual membership of over 12,000, the NIAAA consists of member state athletic administrator associations in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, as well as internationally. The NIAAA champions the profession of athletic administration through education opportunities, advocating ethics, developing leaders, and fostering community. For more information, visit the NIAAA website at [www.niaaa.org](http://www.niaaa.org).

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