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MIAAA Presents Exemplary Athletic Program Award to Boyne City High School

[Boyne City, MI]— The Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) is pleased to announce Boyne City Public Schools as a recipient of the **2026 MIAAA Exemplary Athletic Program Award**.

The award will be formally presented to Boyne City Athletic Director Matt Windle, CMAA on Sunday, March 15, 2026, during the MIAAA Annual Business Meeting at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa.

Established in 1998, the MIAAA Exemplary Athletic Program Award recognizes high school athletic programs across Michigan that model excellence, equity, and educationally sound practices. The program was created to identify and publicly recognize outstanding athletic programs, provide a framework for voluntary self-assessment, promote the sharing of best practices statewide, and encourage continued improvement in Michigan's high school athletic programs.

Boyne City Public Schools becomes the 24th athletic program recognized in the past 25 years and only the 14th program honored in the past 20 years, underscoring the selectivity and prestige of the Exemplary Athletic Program Award.

As part of the evaluation process, the MIAAA Exemplary Athletic Program Committee conducted a three-day on-site visit in the fall, meeting with district administrators, coaches, student-athletes, parents, and support staff. The visit provided committee members with the opportunity to review and share Boyne City's vision, goals, and systems supporting a comprehensive, equitable, and education-based athletic program.

Boyne City Athletics was selected following a thorough assessment and review process examining program structure, leadership practices, equity initiatives, sportsmanship, and the ways in which the athletic program serves its various constituents. Exemplary programs demonstrate sustained success in advancing the emotional, social, moral, and physical growth of all participants while reinforcing the core values of interscholastic athletics.

The 2026 recognition places Boyne City Public Schools among a distinguished group of athletic programs statewide that have demonstrated consistent excellence since the award's inception.

Boyne City Athletic Director Matt Windle said of the award, "This recognition reflects the collective effort of so many people who care deeply about providing meaningful opportunities for our student-athletes. Our coaches, staff, administrators, families, and community consistently put students first and work together to create an environment rooted in growth, accountability, and support. We are proud of the culture that exists within Boyne City Athletics and grateful for the opportunity to serve students through education-based athletics."

For over 65 years, the interscholastic athletic administrators of Michigan have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of school athletic programs, the profession of athletic administration, and their personal administrative skills. The Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) was established to guide those endeavors and is the professional organization for athletic administrators in our state.

The MIAAA is the professional organization for all high school or junior high/middle school athletic administrators in Michigan. The MIAAA provides many services to its members and opportunities for professional development and networking. Each year the association sponsors an Annual Conference and a Mid Summer Workshop for Athletic Directors that are highly regarded throughout the United States. The MIAAA also sponsors national leadership training and certification programs for athletic directors; sponsors an awards and recognition program for ADs; and works in partnership with the MHSAA in establishing guidelines and policy for Michigan's athletic programs, conducting education programs for coaches, and conducting in-service training for ADs.