

Coach Sheddrick “Spoon” Risper”

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Dear Macon County Board of Education,

I am happy to apply for the position of Athletic Director/Head Football Coach at Macon County High School. I have a wealth of knowledge and 28 years of experience; I was the assistant wide receiver's coach for 9 years and was head coach at Westside High School for 16 years. I am one of the longest tenured coaches in the state of Georgia.

Football is a huge part of my life because I love the sport. I played football for 22 years; I played my first game at seven years old and ended my career playing professionally in the arena league with the Macon Knights in 2005. I played quarterback in high school for four years and played wide receiver at the University of West Georgia for four years. Football means so much to me because it is more than a game; football teaches so many life lessons that all children will need when they become adults. Athletics is so valuable to children's success because it builds discipline, teaches teamwork, and how to be resilient because there may be some disappointments as in real life. In order for children to be successful, they need to learn to set goals and work to reach them, be on time, and learn to be academically and socially competent. These are qualities that will keep them employed beyond football.

As a high school head football coach, I have used football to transform the young boys that I have coached the last twenty-eight years into responsible young men by teaching them how to compete, how to be held accountable without making excuses, how to lead, and how to be disciplined. I teach them to think before making decisions, and to always choose the right people to associate with. I am famous for telling my players, “Show me your friends, and I will show you your future.” I teach these life lessons to help our young men because I want them to do well while they are with me and to do even better once they leave me. I have impacted my community through football by helping 112 players to sign football scholarships; their signature helped many of them see a new world of promise and saved them from an environment that could have destroyed them. I am a man of faith, and I follow God's lead because I teach humility, I walk in my purpose to serve children, and I have the patience God gives me to help them grow athletically as well as spiritually.

I am truly interested in your school system's Athletic Director/ Head Football Coach position because I am excited about helping more students and the positive impact that I can make on their character, on their faith, and on their future success on and off the field.

Not only am I a football coach, but I am also a husband and a father. I feel that in order to lead other people's children, I have to try to teach my own children and lead by example. I have been married to my childhood sweetheart, Dr. Demeria Risper, for 27 years who is also an educator, and we have four children. Sheddric "Scooter" Risper, Jr. graduated from the University of West Georgia and from Mercer University with a master's degree in education, played football there, and is currently hoping to be drafted into the UFL. Shemetria Risper, our daughter, graduated from Georgia Southern University with a degree in Physical Education in three years and is scheduled to graduate again this spring from Georgia Southern with a master's degree in school counseling. Silas Risper, our middle son, attends Berry College, plays football there, and is scheduled to graduate Fall 2026. Our youngest son, Paul Risper, graduated from high school early and is currently an early enrollee at Arkansas State University on a football scholarship.

If I am given the opportunity, I hope to make a positive impact on the Macon County Schools community!

I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Coach Sheddric "Spoon" Risper