

**From:** Callahan, Carolyn F  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 6:53 PM  
**To:** Quenton Robertson;Hebert, Mark R  
**Cc:** WAVE - News Desk  
**Subject:** Re: WAVE Request // Manual High School head football coach temporarily removed

Here's what was sent to Manual football families:

July 14, 2023

Dear duPont Manual Football Families,

I am writing to everyone today to ensure communication and transparency to our families and players regarding a change to our football program. At this time, Coach Donnie Stoner has been temporarily removed from coaching responsibilities per Jefferson County Public School's policies and practices.

In order to ensure continuity in the football program, I am appointing Coach Josh Gillispie (known as Coach G to the players) as acting Head Coach until further notice. Coach Gillispie has coached with the duPont Manual football program since 2019 and is prepared to continue implementing our current program and expectations our students know and respect. Additionally, I and Dr. Newman will meet with players at the beginning of practice to provide them an update with the temporary change of Acting Head Coach. You can also expect an introductory email from Coach Gillispie later this evening after practice.

Respectfully,

David Zuberer,  
Athletic Director

Dr. Michael Newman,  
Principal

Carolyn Callahan  
Chief of Communications and Community Relations  
Jefferson County Public Schools

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**From:** Quenton Robertson <Quenton.Robertson@wave3.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 5:51:30 PM  
**To:** Callahan, Carolyn F <carolyn.callahan@jefferson.kyschools.us>; Hebert, Mark R <mark.hebert@jefferson.kyschools.us>  
**Cc:** WAVE - News Desk <wave-newsdesk@gray.tv>  
**Subject:** WAVE Request // Manual High School head football coach temporarily removed

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Hi, this is Quenton with WAVE

We were wondering if you all had information on the Manual High School head football coach being temporarily removed that you could share?

Thank you!

Quenton Robertson

WAVE News | Assignment Desk and Digital Content Producer

**From:** Callahan, Carolyn F  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 6:48 PM  
**To:** Olison, Kailen;Hebert, Mark R  
**Subject:** Re: WHAS11 NEWS REQUEST

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**From:** Olison, Kailen <KOlison@whas11.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 5:44:47 PM  
**To:** Hebert, Mark R <mark.hebert@jefferson.kyschools.us>; Callahan, Carolyn F <carolyn.callahan@jefferson.kyschools.us>  
**Subject:** WHAS11 NEWS REQUEST

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Hello,

Can you provide us with any information on the Manual H.S coach removed temporarily from his position?

Thank you in advance.

**Kailen Olson** (She/Her/Hers)  
Assignment Editor

**WHAS11**  **TEGNA**

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**From:** Hebert, Mark R  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 6:27 PM  
**To:** Tyler Greever  
**Cc:** Callahan, Carolyn F  
**Subject:** RE: Donnie Stoner  
**Attachments:** Doc - Jul 14 2023 - 4-58 PM.pdf

Tyler,

In response to your text – yes, there has been communication with families of Manual football players. Attached is that communication that went to them late this afternoon.

Mark Hebert  
JCPS Communications Manager  
(502) 322-4565 – cell

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**From:** Tyler Greever <tgreever@wdrb.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 5:51 PM  
**To:** Hebert, Mark R <mark.hebert@jefferson.kyschools.us>; Callahan, Carolyn F <carolyn.callahan@jefferson.kyschools.us>  
**Cc:** Chris Turner <Cturner@wdrb.com>  
**Subject:** Donnie Stoner

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Hi Mark and Carolyn,

I saw a tweet earlier stating Manual High School head football coach Donnie Stoner has been asked to "step away for the time being" as the head coach of the Crimsons.

Can you all confirm that? If so, what is the reasoning or what are the circumstances that led to this? Is it a temporary or permanent move?

Please consider this email a request under Kentucky Open Records Statutes KRS Chapter 61 for any records that indicate personnel action for Mr. Stoner and any reasons for that.

You may email any pertinent records and we would appreciate a response as soon as possible on deadline.

Please call me ( [REDACTED] ) if you have further questions.

Thanks,  
Tyler



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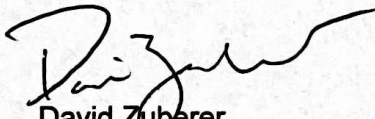
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duPont Manual High School  
Athletic Director

  
Michael Newman, Ed.D.  
duPont Manual High School  
Principal

**From:** Callahan, Carolyn F  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 6:18 PM  
**To:** Cubit, Alexis  
**Cc:** Pierre, Natalie;Aulbach, Lucas  
**Subject:** RE: DuPont Manual football coach Donnie Stoner

Hi Alexis,

I have no other information to release. Here's the email that went to duPont Manual football families:

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**Chief Communications Officer**

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**From:** Cubit, Alexis <ACubit@gannett.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 6:12 PM  
**To:** Callahan, Carolyn F <carolyn.callahan@jefferson.kyschools.us>  
**Cc:** Pierre, Natalie <NPierre@gannett.com>; Aulbach, Lucas <laulbach@gannett.com>  
**Subject:** Re: DuPont Manual football coach Donnie Stoner

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Hi Carolyn,

Stephanie forwarded the message about Donnie Stoner. What was the policy and/or procedure that determined his temporary removal?

Thanks,  
Alexis

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**From:** Pierre, Natalie <[NPierre@gannett.com](mailto:NPierre@gannett.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 6:04 PM  
**To:** Cubit, Alexis <[ACubit@gannett.com](mailto:ACubit@gannett.com)>; Aulbach, Lucas <[laulbach@gannett.com](mailto:laulbach@gannett.com)>  
**Subject:** Fw: DuPont Manual football coach Donnie Stoner

## Natalie Pierre

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**From:** Callahan, Carolyn F <[carolyn.callahan@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:carolyn.callahan@jefferson.kyschools.us)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 6:03 PM  
**To:** Kuzydym, Stephanie <[SKuzydym@gannett.com](mailto:SKuzydym@gannett.com)>; Hebert, Mark R <[mark.hebert@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:mark.hebert@jefferson.kyschools.us)>; Open Records <[open.records@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:open.records@jefferson.kyschools.us)>  
**Cc:** Miller, Dann <[dmiller@gannett.com](mailto:dmiller@gannett.com)>; Pierre, Natalie <[NPierre@gannett.com](mailto:NPierre@gannett.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: DuPont Manual football coach Donnie Stoner

Hi Stephanie,

Coach Stoner has been temporarily removed as head coach per JCPS policies and procedures.

Thanks,  
Carolyn



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**From:** Kuzydym, Stephanie <[SKuzydym@gannett.com](mailto:SKuzydym@gannett.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 1:23 PM  
**To:** Hebert, Mark R <[mark.hebert@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:mark.hebert@jefferson.kyschools.us)>; Callahan, Carolyn F <[carolyn.callahan@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:carolyn.callahan@jefferson.kyschools.us)>; Open Records <[open.records@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:open.records@jefferson.kyschools.us)>



Cc: Miller, Dann <[dmiller@gannett.com](mailto:dmiller@gannett.com)>; Pierre, Natalie <[NPierre@gannett.com](mailto:NPierre@gannett.com)>

Subject: DuPont Manual football coach Donnie Stoner

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Hi Mark/Carolyn –

Can you please confirm that DuPont Manual football coach Donnie Stoner has been suspended? Also, can the district please provide a statement and any documents pertaining to his suspension?

(Happy to put in a more official records request for those documents, if necessary, Amanda.)

**Stephanie Kuzydym**

Sports Enterprise Reporter

She/Her

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T: @stephkuzy

**courier journal**

**From:** Hebert, Mark R  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 6:05 PM  
**To:** Tyler Greever; Callahan, Carolyn F  
**Cc:** Chris Turner  
**Subject:** RE: Donnie Stoner

Hey Tyler,  
Donnie Stoner has been temporarily removed from coaching responsibilities per Jefferson County Public Schools policies and procedures.

Mark Hebert  
JCPS Communications Manager  
[REDACTED] – cell

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**From:** Tyler Greever <tgreever@wdrb.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 5:51 PM  
**To:** Hebert, Mark R <mark.hebert@jefferson.kyschools.us>; Callahan, Carolyn F <carolyn.callahan@jefferson.kyschools.us>  
**Cc:** Chris Turner <cturner@wdrb.com>  
**Subject:** Donnie Stoner

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Thanks,  
Tyler

**From:** Callahan, Carolyn F  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 6:04 PM  
**To:** Kuzydym, Stephanie;Hebert, Mark R;Open Records  
**Cc:** Miller, Dann;Pierre, Natalie  
**Subject:** RE: DuPont Manual football coach Donnie Stoner

Hi Stephanie,

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Thanks,  
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**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 1:23 PM  
**To:** Hebert, Mark R <mark.hebert@jefferson.kyschools.us>; Callahan, Carolyn F <carolyn.callahan@jefferson.kyschools.us>; Open Records <open.records@jefferson.kyschools.us>  
**Cc:** Miller, Dann <dmiller@gannett.com>; Pierre, Natalie <NPierre@gannett.com>  
**Subject:** DuPont Manual football coach Donnie Stoner

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**Stephanie Kuzydym**

Sports Enterprise Reporter

She/Her

M: [REDACTED]

T: @stephkuzy



**From:** Callahan, Carolyn F  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 6:03 PM  
**To:** Cowgill, Fred  
**Subject:** RE: hey carolyn

Hi Fred,

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Thanks,  
Carolyn



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**From:** Cowgill, Fred <fcowgill@hearst.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2023 5:40 PM  
**To:** Callahan, Carolyn F <carolyn.callahan@jefferson.kyschools.us>  
**Subject:** hey carolyn

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Thanks for responding to my text, hoping to get information on status of Donnie Stoner and his interim replacement. Thanks. Fred