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DESERT VISTA SELECTS JACK SOUTAR TO LEAD GIRLS' SOCCER PROGRAM

October 5, 2022 – Desert Vista High School has recommended Jack Soutar as their next Girls' Head Soccer Coach. The recommendation is pending formal approval by the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

Coach Soutar is a native of Essex, England and joins the Thunder with eleven years of coaching experience in the Valley. Since living in the Valley, Soutar has coached at many different levels, including several club teams, Cactus Shadows High School (Head Coach for five years), Scottsdale Community College (Associate Head Coach for five years), and assistant coach for a local professional team.

"I am excited to join the Thunder in this head coaching role," said Coach Soutar. "The DV Girls soccer program is rich with history and talent and I am looking forward to keeping and pushing the program to remain alongside the top programs in the state. The current group of soccer players at Desert Vista is full of talent and experience, and after a successful run last year we will try to create the right environment to get us over the last hurdle."

Soutar played soccer professionally in England and initially came to the United States to pursue coaching opportunities. In addition to his other coaching work, he is also the Girls Director of coaching for Phoenix Premier soccer club.

"Coach Soutar brings a wealth of experience and knowledge with him to our program," said Desert Vista Principal Stacy White. "We look forward to welcoming him on campus and seeing his positive impact on our girls soccer program."

About Tempe Union High School District

Tempe Union High School District (TUHSD) is an A-rated school district by the Arizona Department of Education and home to approximately 14,500 students across seven high schools. Five TUHSD schools have also earned the A+ Award of Excellence from the Arizona Educational Foundation and three schools – Desert Vista, Mountain Pointe and McClintock - have earned the award twice. It is our vision that all students will graduate with the knowledge, understanding and ability to apply skills necessary for success in college, career and life. For more information, visit www.tempeunion.org.

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