

Coach Kennedy Resigns from Bremerton High School

Kennedy To Continue Advocating for Constitutional Freedoms, Religious Liberty

BREMERTON, WASHINGTON (September 6, 2023) – Coach Joe Kennedy has resigned from Bremerton High School effective immediately. He cited multiple reasons for his resignation including taking care of an ailing family member out of state. Kennedy delivered his resignation to the district earlier today.

“I believe I can best continue to advocate for constitutional freedom and religious liberty by working from outside the school system so that is what I will do. I will continue to work to help people understand and embrace the historic ruling at the heart of our case. As a result of our case, we all have more freedom, not less. That should be celebrated and not disrespected,” said Kennedy.

“As I have demonstrated, we must make a stand for what we believe in. In my case, I made a stand to take a knee. I encourage all Americans to make their own stand for freedom and our right to express our faith as we see fit. I appreciate the people of Bremerton, the coaches, staff and especially the students and wish them all well. Bremerton will always be home,” he concluded.

His new book, *AVERAGE JOE: THE COACH KENNEDY STORY*, is available late October 2023 that tells the in-depth story about his battle for religious liberty. A film about his life is in pre-production.

###

ABOUT COACH KENNEDY:

An eighteen-year Marine veteran, Kennedy was an assistant coach for the Bremerton High School (BHS) varsity football team beginning in 2008. After his first game in 2008, Coach Kennedy took a knee and quietly prayed for 15-20 seconds by himself. Coach Kennedy continued this after every game for seven years. In 2015, the school suspended him—kicking off the legal battle which Coach ultimately won with the Supreme Court siding with him in 2022 in a widely publicized decision. The historic verdict broadened the definition of religious liberty in America and has been described as the most important court case of its type in fifty years.