

New York Mills Boys Basketball Coach Mike Adey today released the Following Statement:

“In 1956, my father gave me a gift that would forever change my life. I was a 9 year old kid and he brought me home a basketball. From that moment I fell in love with the greatest game ever invented.

As I grew older and my playing days were over and I entered college I knew that someday I wanted to be a Coach. In 1975, I was honored with the opportunity to take over for my High School Coach, Frank Didio at my alma mater Rome Catholic. From that point forward, I embarked on an exciting and memorable journey. For 36 years, at 3 different schools, I have had the honor and the privilege of coaching the best young men I could ever ask for. I have also had the honor and pleasure of working with the most dedicated and talented staff of assistant coaches from the very beginning of my career. I thank all of them for their hard work and dedication through the years. I especially thank my son Brian who for last 18 years has been at my side as my trusted Associate Head Coach. To be able to share this experience with him has been one of my greatest pleasures in Coaching.

As the years pass, I look back on all of those seasons, all of those teams, all of those players and all of those accomplishments with a sense of pride. But as in every game, there is a clock that is counting down, and mine has come to zero.

I have entered every season with the same sense of excitement and hope, and I have ended every one with the same sadness that *that* particular journey with *that* particular team is over.

My journey has taken me through 6 decades of Basketball and the many changes the game has seen. But while the game has changed, my love for the game of Basketball never has and never will falter. I only hope that I have left the game of Basketball a little bit better than I found it all those years ago.

While I am stepping away now, I will never really leave this great game and this great game will never leave me. I look forward to the next chapter in my Basketball life. “