

Dear Big Mac Nation,

It is with a heavy heart that I share some difficult news: I will not be serving as the head coach of the Big Macs this fall. This is not the path I envisioned or wanted, but life has presented challenges that require me to step back and focus on my health.

As many of you know, I've been undergoing treatment for cancer. My liver surgery, originally scheduled for May 13, has been postponed to July 1. This change delays the start of my second round of chemotherapy until August, which will now extend through November. My original hope was to complete treatment over the summer and return to the sidelines in time for the season. Unfortunately, that's no longer possible.

I did my best to continue working full time during my first round of chemo, but the side effects proved too demanding, and I had to take more FMLA days than expected. With limited sick and FMLA time remaining, the administration and I have agreed that taking a medical sabbatical this fall is the only way I can preserve my position and return in full capacity next year. So, that is what I will do—with the full intention of being back in February 2026.

Anticipating this possibility, I asked my good friend and exceptional coach, Brian DeLallo, to return to Canon Mac. Pending approval at the next school board meeting, Coach DeLallo will step in as interim head coach. I have complete confidence in him—he knows this program, he knows football, and he knows how to lead. I wouldn't be stepping away if I didn't believe the team was in the very best hands.

I've devoted the last decade of my life to rebuilding and growing this program, and I'll continue to support it every way I can. Though I won't be on the field, I'll remain involved behind the scenes and will continue assisting with recruiting efforts. Players—you can text or call me anytime. I'm still your coach, and I still love this team with everything I've got. I'm here for you.

Life isn't always fair—we know that. But as we've trained for, we respond. We adjust, accept the situation, come together as a team, and move forward. Expectations remain high this season. Our leaders will lead, our staff will grow, and we will become stronger because of this.

The only way out is through.

With love and pride,
Coach Evans