



Kingsway names Mike Massaro new Marching Band Director

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Woolwich Twp. – Kingsway Regional School District named Mike Massaro the new high school Marching Band Director at the recent meeting of the Board of Education on March 16, 2023. Superintendent, Dr. James J. Lavender made the announcement on Friday.

Director Massaro assumes the position after having served as Kingsway’s Assistant Band Director where he helped the Dragons capture the 2021 Tournament of Bands Group IVA State

Championship and the 2022 Group IVA Regional Co-Champion titles. Massaro presently teaches instrumental music at Kingsway Regional Middle School, a position he has held since 2020.



“We are proud of our very competitive Marching Band program and it is important to us that the next leader is not only capable but equally passionate about musical performance and working with students. We have that person in Mike Massaro. We have had the opportunity to watch him grow as a student on our stage and as an assistant director under Joe Henderson and we have no doubt that he is ready for this moment,” said Superintendent James J. Lavender, Ed.D.

Former Director Joe Henderson was named the Director in 2017, after having served from 2004-2008, and led the program to regional prominence. With Henderson at the helm, Kingsway’s Marching Band Program won numerous titles, including the 2021 New Jersey Group IV-A Tournament of Bands Championship, and was showcased four times in the Philadelphia

Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Philadelphia Holiday Parade in 2022. Membership of the Marching Band grew from 60 to 110 student members under Henderson's leadership.

"Joe Henderson is the standard by which we measure Marching Band Directors," said Athletic Director June Cioffi. "It has been a privilege to watch him work and lead our very talented students."

An outstanding musician in his own right, Mike Massaro graduated from Kingsway Regional High school in 2016 and Rowan University in 2020. At Kingsway, he was a member of the Marching Band and Select Jazz Ensembles. At Rowan, he was a member of the Jazz, Pep, Concert and Symphonic Bands and the Wind Ensemble. Upon graduation, Massaro returned to Kingsway in 2020 to teach middle school music. Massaro also served as Woodstown-Pilesgrove's Marching Band Director for two seasons and led their High School Jazz Band from 2018-2020.

"I appreciate the support of the administration and thank them for trusting me with the incredible responsibility of directing our Marching Band. Our program is a strong representation of Kingsway - maintaining and growing our traditions of excellence is a duty I hold very close to my heart. This is a lifetime dream of mine and I cannot wait to see what is in store for the future of the band program," said Mike Massaro.

The 2023-24 Marching Band Season is already in the planning phases. An information meeting was held in April and summer camp is scheduled for August. The returning band is working on development of their fall 2023 show.

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About the Kingsway Regional School District

Kingsway is a limited purpose regional school district that offers its students a rigorous academic program and a myriad of enrichment programs and services for students in grades 7 to 12. Kingsway Regional Middle School (Grades 7 to 8) and Kingsway Regional High School (Grades 9 to 12) cater to the individual needs of our students and promote opportunities for students to pursue their own areas of interest. Our population of approximately 3,000 students is multicultural and reflects the diversity of the communities it serves. Its mission is to ensure that all students receive rigorous and engaging instructional experiences that promote high levels of student achievement, including those with diverse learning needs. To learn more visit the District's website at <http://krsd.org/Page/1>.