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Richard Martinez, Principal

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Dear Parents of Band and Marching Band Students,

After a nationwide search, it is with great pride that Forest Park High School announces the selection of our new Band Director, Mr. Shawn W. Davern. Mr. Davern hails from the Syracuse area of New York. A graduate of Boston University's College of Fine Arts and James Madison University, Mr. Davern is a devoted music educator.

At Boston University, he was the president of the NAfME (National Association for Music Education) Collegiate chapter, the coordinator for jazz ensembles, and the manager for the Boston University Big Band. He also worked to provide music education for all through an inner-city partnership with Boston's Philharmonic Orchestra. After his undergraduate work, he was awarded Most Promising Music Educator by the Massachusetts Music Educators Association (MMEA).

A published composer and arranger, his works have been performed in the United States and the United Kingdom. The JMU Wind Symphony has premiered several of his works, and the JMU Marching Royal Dukes performed an arrangement on NBC during the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. Most recently, the International Tuba and Euphonium Society awarded him an international award for excellence in tuba-euphonium composition.

A trombone player, he is experienced with both high and low brass instruction, as well as woodwind techniques, percussion, and drumline. A dynamic conductor, he will bring a high degree of skill, rigor, and excellence into each educational setting. Mr. Davern is thrilled to be a BRUIN, and the Bruin Band family will be certain to welcome him.

Mr. Davern will be meeting with the Band Student Leadership as well as the Bruin Band Booster Leadership in the near future to make details plans for the 2019-20 school year. A welcome reception will be planned and publicized on the Bruin Band website. We are certain that Mr. Davern will educate, inspire, and further the Forest Park tradition of excellence.

Respectfully,



Richard Martínez



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