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## Press Release

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### ***Jason Cappa hired as Riverview High School Varsity Football Coach***

During its Regular Voting Meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>, Riverview School District administrators and board members proudly announced the appointment of Mr. Jason Cappa as the District's new Head Varsity Football Coach. Cappa joins the district as its 5th football coach following Todd Massack, who resigned after leading the District's football program for 7 seasons.

Cappa was selected from a pool of 30 experienced and well-qualified candidates. Riverview's selection process included a stringent application screening, telephone interview, several personal interviews and a project based session with administrators and representatives of the school board. Coach Cappa, brings 14 years of coaching experience with him to the job. He spent 8 years as the Defensive Coordinator for Riverview and 3 years as an Assistant Coach under Coach Joe Rossi at Riverview prior to Rossi's current coaching term at South Fayette. Mr. Cappa's experience also includes serving as an assistant coach at Shady Side Academy and South Allegheny High School. Cappa played 4 years of collegiate level football at Clarion University where he was an inside linebacker and a member of the school's NCAA Division Final 4 Team. As a Riverview High School student, Cappa played football, basketball, and baseball.

Following his approval, Cappa indicated, "I plan to assemble a top notch staff, bring in an outstanding strength and conditioning coordinator, and develop this program from the youth league through high school with outstanding technique and fundamentals. Our goal is to put a team on the field that takes advantage of our skills and competes every play, every day, and every game to the best of our ability".

District Superintendent, Dr. Peggy DiNinno, said she was impressed with Cappa's vision. "Coach Cappa provided us with specific guidelines for how he plans to change the direction of and build the District's football program. His plan includes a strong focus on the development of fundamental skills with our younger student athletes. Working with the coaches who lead our younger students, and emphasizing the fundamentals of the game at that level, will help our student athletes to understand and be prepared to play in Cappa's new system when they reach the high school level." DiNinno also indicated that during the interview process, Cappa recognized the importance of instilling a strong sense of pride, expecting self-discipline, and prioritizing academics, in all who are involved in our program. "We know it will take several years to build our program and put Cappa's new system in place, but with Cappa's desire, his knowledge of football, and the direction he intends to take the program, we look forward to assisting him with being able to use football as a venue for our students

as they not only learn a game but they also take away lifelong lessons and other skills as a result of being a Riverview student athlete."

When asked about Cappa's appointment, Athletic Director, Bob Kariotis stated, "After an extensive search and interviewing many strong candidates for the position, Jason came away as the leader based on his knowledge of the game, his dedicated service to our district, and his innovative plan to make Riverview Football successful again. Kariotis indicated that he was looking forward to working with Coach Cappa as he "embarks on a mission to rebuild the program."

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