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Press Release

Riverview School District Appoints New Athletic Director

On Monday evening, the Riverview School Board and administrative team took important steps to continue their mission of committing to the **SERIOUS SUCCESS** of every student. Mr. Mario Rometo was appointed as the district's new Athletic Director. Rometo begins his new role on May 1st. From May to June he will work with current long-time Riverview Athletic Director Mr. Bob Kariotis, who retires on June 30th. Kariotis has graciously agreed to mentor and transition Rometo into the various aspects of the position. Mr. Kariotis, indicated that "Rometo's multi-faceted experience and knowledge of various sports, as well as his dedication as a teacher and coach should make him a great addition to our team".

Rometo, who has served as a Physical Education teacher with the district is a familiar face to the student body, staff and community. In addition to serving in various coaching roles, he has held faculty positions including being the sponsor of Students Against Drunk Driving. Rometo currently holds a Masters Degree in Curriculum and a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education.

Mr. Randy Rovesti, (current Gateway Athletic Director and former Norwin Athletic Director) indicated that he has also served as mentor to Rometo. Rovesti indicated that "while Riverview School District is categorized as a Single A district, in reality, Riverview offers opportunities to its students similar to AAAA schools. Based on my experiences with Mr. Rometo, his work ethic, demeanor, and knowledge in the field make him the perfect candidate to take on the AD role. Under his leadership, Mario will bring an enthusiasm and attitude to the Athletic Program at Riverview that results in significant positive impact on students".

Rometo shared that he looks forward to his new role with great excitement and enthusiasm and looks forward to working with all of the teaching staff, coaches, administrators, students, and families. Rometo added, "I plan to uphold the tradition and pride associated with Riverview Athletics. Additionally I seek to work with all who involve themselves in athletics here as we implement plans to continually improve. Our goals are to make Riverview Athletics one of the top notch programs in Western Pennsylvania, while providing our student athletes with all the necessary tools and values that they need to succeed once they leave Riverview High School. I know we can do this as we work across the curriculum and we use a team approach. Thank you to all involved for your continued support in our efforts to make a Serious Commitment to the Success of our Athletic Programs."

After recommending Rometo, the high school administration indicated that they could not be more pleased to have Mario join their team indicating that his extensive knowledge of current students, the Riverview culture and athletic programs will be an invaluable asset to the district.