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A STATEMENT FROM MR. NICHOLAS J. NORCIA, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FAIR LAWN'S DISTRICT SCIENCE SUPERVISOR WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM NEW JERSEY TECH AND ENGINEERING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

FAIR LAWN, N.J. (Dec. 23, 2021) - Ron Durso, District Supervisor of Science, Engineering & Technology Education, and Elementary Physical Education and Health, was recently awarded the 2021 Excellence Award in School Administration by the New Jersey Technology & Engineering Educators Association.

The award was presented in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the profession of technology and engineering education and supporting Fair Lawn students. Mr. Durso has helped to oversee the renovation of the Fair Lawn High School's (FLHS) STEAM Lab (science, technology, engineering, arts and math), paid for in part by a grant from Columbia Bank.

"Mr. Durso is an outstanding supervisor and educator who is well-deserving of this award. He possesses a clear vision for the district's technology and engineering programs, and he is committed to making his visions a reality," added Dr. Natalie Lacatena, Assistant Superintendent of Education. "Mr. Durso puts the students' education at the forefront of all he does, and the Fair Lawn Public Schools benefit greatly from his dedication and expertise. I wish Mr. Durso the most sincere congratulations!"

FLHS now offers courses in Design Technology, Innovation & Invention, Architectural Technology, Design Technology Honors and STEM Honors.

Mr. Durso has also helped to coordinate various upgrades to the FLHS wood shop using federal stimulus money. FLHS students are able to enroll in woods technology courses (design and construct unique projects using various types of woods) all four years of high school.

Over the past few years, Mr. Durso has helped to coordinate the development of a Career Technical Education (CTE) program in architecture. At the middle school level, Mr. Durso ensured that aspects of engineering have been introduced into the new Innovations Lab (middle school STEAM classes), which are taught in grades five and six in the district's new state-of-the-art middle school STEAM Labs. Memorial Middle School and Thomas Jefferson opened the new STEAM labs during the 2020-2021 school year after construction projects to expand both middle schools were completed.

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