

## ***Warren City School District Welcomes Rick Shepas as Athletic Director***

For Immediate Release

WARREN – At the recommendation of Superintendent/CEO Steve Chiaro, the Warren City School District Board of Education unanimously approved the hiring of Rick Shepas as Athletic Director starting July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Shepas, a 1983 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School is well known and recognized as a successful football player, coach and athletic director over the past four decades. His experience has taken him from his Alma Matter to Youngstown State University, Poland Seminary High School, Seneca Valley High School, Massillon Washington High School, Waynesburg University and most recently Youngstown City Schools where he is credited for bringing life back to varsity and related feeder programs for youth at Chaney and East High Schools.

Superintendent/CEO Chiaro believes Shepas will be an excellent addition to the District. “Rick Shepas has a long standing history of taking programs to a higher level of performance in support of student athletes, which is exactly what I believe we need at this moment in time for children in the City of Warren.”

Immediate goals for Athletic Director Shepas include evaluating existing programs for advancement, collaborating with community feeder programs to strengthen the alignment between the community programs and the District and exploring the possibility of adding a wrestling program to Warren. Long term, Shepas is expected to take the Warren City School District Athletic Programs into the future with great success.

Shepas replaces William Nicholson who has spent over a decade as the Athletic Director and has accepted another position in the District.