

Fort Mill School District #4
Public Information Office

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TO: Mac Banks, The Herald, The York Observer, WRHI, Bob Pearse

FROM: Bob Ormseth
Community Relations and Public Information Officer

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RE: **Fort Mill High School Band Director**

John Pruitt, a successful band director in South Carolina for the past 15 years, will become the new band director at Fort Mill High School next year. Dee Christopher, FMHS Principal, made the announcement to band students this morning.

Pruitt is currently the Band Director at Cheraw High School, which won the AA State Marching Band Championship last fall. He will succeed Mr. Martin Dickey, who will become Band Director at Nation Ford High School when it opens in August of this year.

Pruitt has served as a band director in Cheraw for the past 11 years. He is a graduate of East Carolina University and earned his National Board Certification in 2005. Prior to becoming a music educator, Pruitt served in the US Navy and sang with the Naval Aviation Command Choir. In addition to playing trombone and the drums, Pruitt enjoys flying. He holds a commercial pilot's license and flight instructor rating.

For more information, contact Mr. Dee Christopher at 548-1900.