PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BEGINS PLANNING ALL CITY BAND

Superintendent’s vision is to reignite glory of Eastside High School’s Marching 100 with new band of students and alumni performing at the next Thanksgiving Classic

PATERNON – Schools Superintendent Eileen Shafer gathered music teachers, educators and community stakeholders at a meeting to discuss the possibilities of forming an All City Band that would perform at this year’s Thanksgiving Classic football game between the Kennedy Knights and the Eastside Ghosts.

At the June 25th meeting, Shafer explained that what she envisions is a marching band of students and alumni from both Kennedy and Eastside that would ignite spirit and pride in Patersonians as Eastside High School’s Marching 100 had in previous years.

“We want students and alumni from all of the district’s high school programs to participate at the Thanksgiving game,” said Shafer. “This is an effort to bring people throughout the Paterson community together through the talents of our students and our alumni.”

Among the people who attended the meeting were Paterson Public Schools music teachers Dana Brannan (Public School No. 24), Jaimeo Brown (Public School No. 21), Kenneth Davis (Rosa L. Parks High School and a former Marching 100 director), Nancy Horowitz (Public School No. 24), and Kelvin Quince (Public School No. 6). Chief Special Education Officer and former Marching 100 member Cheryl Coy also attended as did Principal Joanne Riviello and Principal Cora Quince. Among the community stakeholders present were Paterson City Councilwoman Dr. Lilisa Mimms and music educator Dr. Thomas Page.

Details about the All City Band, including the songs that will be performed in November, are expected to be decided in the coming weeks.

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