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Blue Valley administrator named to the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association board of directors

Rich Bechard, Blue Valley's director for student activities and transportation, has been recognized by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). Bechard was elected to the national executive board of the NIAAA. The board consists of 11 athletic directors from across the nation.

The mission of the NIAAA is to develop, enhance and preserve the educational values of interscholastic athletics. The NIAAA serves its members by providing resources to develop and to enhance leadership skills and to offer opportunities for professional growth.

In his role on the board of directors, Bechard will help administer, direct and address current issues in serving the athletic administrators who in turn oversee the local athletic programs across the country.

Bechard has been with Blue Valley since 2006. Prior to working in Blue Valley, he was an athletic administrator at Holton High School in Holton, Kan. for 16 years.

"This is an honor and a privilege to be elected by my peers from across the country to represent them on the board of directors," Bechard said. "It will be a challenging and exciting time. I recognize the responsibility that comes with this position and I'm looking forward to the next three years on the board of directors."

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