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RCK TEACHER NAMED NYS ART TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Wappingers Central School District is proud to announce that Robert Wood, an art teacher at Roy C. Ketcham High School, has been named Art Teacher of the Year for Region 7 of the New York State Art Teachers Association. He will receive this award at a ceremony in Rochester on November 20.

This award, which is given to an art teacher in Region 7 (consisting of Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties), honors an individual's outstanding contributions to the field of art education and service to the regional and state organization.

Mr. Wood is a 23-year veteran teacher in the WCSD. He has helped develop the district art department into the award-winning program it has become. Mr. Wood's latest accomplishments are many. For example, he has established a productive relationship with MSG Varsity, in which he works with RCK art students to produce photo and video content for television and the MSG website. Mr. Wood has also been cooperating on a project with the Wappingers Historical Society in producing a series of interviews with life-long citizens of Wappingers.

Mary Bish, District Coordinator for Fine & Performing Arts, is very proud Mr. Wood has received this recognition. "This honor truly notes the contributions Bob Wood has made as well as his leadership role in the state. WCSD is fortunate to have Bob Wood as a member of the art department, and this award just re-affirms his value to our community," Bish said.

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