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### **Maturo sees Award Winning East Haven High School Yellow Jacket Marching Band off on trip to Lead Electric Parade in Disney**

At 3:10AM this morning, the East Haven High School Yellow Jacket Marching Band was assembling for its trip to Disneyworld when the band members were greeted by a surprise guest who wanted to see the band off on its trip - Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr.

The Band, which finished in first place in CT and first place in the Northeast in the Class IIA Division, came in third place in Nationals and won the first annual Cadet Award for Excellence. They were the only band to win the award in the Class IIA Division at the State's competition this year.

The Band's trip to Disneyworld comes right after their successful show in competition. During their trip to Disneyworld, they will lead the Electric Parade and perform their show "Glory," based on music from the Civil War.

Maturo explained, "I felt it was important to be there to congratulate our band on continuing our band program's long-standing tradition of success. Our East Haven High School Yellow Jacket Marching Band is just one example of the numerous good things happening in East Haven. We are all proud of their hard work and success."

After speaking to the band for approximately five minutes, Mayor Maturo posed with the group for a photo and shook hands with band members and band parents as they lined up to board the buses to the airport.

Maturo concluded, "The job of the Mayor is a 24/7 job. But it's mornings like these that make it worth it. I am so proud of our band and the students and parents that work so hard to make it a success. Their hard work and energy is what East Haven is all about."

*2 Photos Attached.*

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