

NORWIN MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

NORTH HUNTINGDON, Pa. – Norwin School District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

Now in its 20th year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Norwin School District answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music programs, Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

“We are privileged to be part of a music program is alive, vibrant and populated with wonderfully talented, inspiring students,” said Mr. Michael Szymanski, Orchestra Director and Music Department Chairperson. “Our recognition by the NAMM Foundation is a testament to the culture of success that the Norwin community, in conjunction with the Board and Administration, has fostered over several generations.”

Mr. Szymanski, on behalf of the Norwin Music Department, thanked the Board, Administration, and Greater Norwin Community for continuing the tradition of music excellence at a special presentation during the April 8, 2019, Board Workshop Meeting. He presented a [special video](#) demonstrating Norwin music students performing and learning the art and craft of music.

This award recognizes that Norwin School District is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA recommends music and the arts as important elements of a well-rounded education for all children. Research into music education continues to demonstrate educational/cognitive and social skill benefits for children who make music.

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,400 members around the world. The foundation advances active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs. For more information about the NAMM Foundation, please visit www.nammfoundation.org.



A collage of scenes from the Norwin Music Department video created to celebrate the Best Communities for Music Education award. The video is available at <http://www.norwinsd.org/apps/video/watch.jsp?v=216037>