**PLACE ON DISTRICT LETTERHEAD**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT:** (*Name)*

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***(Number of students* from *(name of District)* Selected to**

**All National Ensemble*(s)***

*Student(s) selected to represent District’s Music Program in Nashville, TN*

***(Date) – (Location) – (Name of School District)*** is proud to announce the selection of ***(number of students***) from its music program that will perform at the All National Honors Festival held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort in Nashville, TN. The event - held from ***(insert dates)*** - is sponsored by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) and will feature three hundred (300) students selected from school music programs across the country One third of the students will come from New York State.

Students will rehearse and perform with renowned conductors of the *All National Concert Band* (Mark Camphouse, George Mason University); *All National Symphony Orchestra* (Gerard Schwarz, Conductor Laureate, Seattle Symphony); *All National Mixed Choir* (Edith Copley, Northern Arizona University), or *All National Jazz Band* (Robert Baca, University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire).

The ensembles will perform at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN on Wednesday, October 29, 2014.

“This re-inforces what we’ve known for a long time,’’ said **(Superintendent, Principal, Arts Administrator, Teacher).** “Our music program is strong and supported by our board of education, administration, community and parents. We are very proud of these students who, along with the best musicians from schools across the country, will learn from master conductors in Nashville this October.”

The National Association for Music Education (NAfME) established its National Honor Ensembles in 2012 as the ultimate recognition of music student performance, beyond state and divisional levels.

NYSSMA, the New York State School Music Association, is the largest state affiliate of the National Association for Music Education. The mission of NYSSMA is to advocate and improve the education in music of all people by promoting appropriate music activities and programs in the schools and communities throughout New York State.