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NYSSMA Past-President/Coram Resident Named to National Post

*Long Island Educator Marc E. Greene Elected to
President of National Association's Eastern Division*

Westbury, NY, July 12, 2017 – NYSSMA Past-President Marc E. Greene, of Coram, NY has been named President of the Eastern Division of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). He will be representing the interests of over 32,000 music educators from states ranging geographically from Maine to Maryland as a member of the National Executive Board of NAFME.

Greene served NYSSMA as president from 2012-2013, leading the organization through challenging economic times resulting in strains to school district budgets and threatened cuts to arts programs, as well as major changes in state curriculum and teacher accountability systems.

"I am deeply honored to accept the position of Eastern Division President of the National Association for Music Education," Greene said. "More, I am humbled by the trust placed in me by my peers and colleagues. I sincerely hope to serve NAFME, NYSSMA, our affiliate organizations and – most importantly, our students - in a meaningful and effective capacity as we ride the current roller coaster of political, economic and educational changes that are challenging our profession and preventing universal student access to a quality sequential music education."

Mr. Greene assumes the presidency with many years of varied experience with NYSSMA. In addition to his role as president-elect, president, and past-president, he continues to serve as an All-State Vocal Adjudicator for chorus, vocal jazz and for choral ensembles; and as a member of NYSSMA's Curriculum Committee. He has also served as the local NYSSMA Zone Representative for Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester Counties.

Mr. Greene's career in music and arts education spans more than thirty-four (34) years. He currently is a member the music education faculty of the School of Music of Ithaca College. He has served as an arts education administrator in the Bedford, Port Washington and Middle Country School Districts. Under his leadership, the Middle Country School District was recognized as a *NYSSMA Program of Excellence* and among the *Top 100 Communities for Music Education In America*. Besides his work in school administration, he has taught vocal music at Baldwin High School, served as the Director of Choral Activities and Theatre Activities at Newfield High School in Middle Country Schools, and taught at the high school and middle school levels in the Capital District, Central New York and the Hudson Valley areas.

Marc holds degrees in Music Education, Communications Management, and Educational Administration from Ithaca College, the College of Saint Rose, and Long Island University-C.W. Post.

Outside of his work for NYSSMA, Marc served a two-year term as the President of the New York State Council of Administrators of Music Education, and has served as a clinician for the New York State Art Teachers Association. He has held consultancy positions for numerous school districts, colleges, and the New York State Education Department on topics including curriculum development, instruction, assessment, special needs students, arts advocacy, teacher recruitment, and interview techniques. He also completed a two-year term as the President of the New York State Council of Educational Associations (NYCEA), a coalition of over 40 professional education organizations.

NYSSMA, the New York State School Music Association, is the largest state affiliate of NAFME, the National Association for Music Education. NYSSMA's mission is to advance music education across New York State for its membership and students in member school programs.