**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 (*Name of Town*)*

*(****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 Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. The event will be held from November 2 – 6, 2022, and is sponsored by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). It will feature (*number of students*) selected from school music programs across the country. (*Number of students*) of the students will come from New York State.

Students will rehearse and perform in one of six advanced ensembles with renowned music educators including Concert Band conductor Rodney Dorsey (Indiana University), Symphony Orchestra conductor Nobuyoshi Yasuda (University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire), Mixed Choir conductor Frances Fonza (Stephen F. Austin State University, TX), Guitar Ensemble conductor Chuck Hulihan (Glendale, AZ Community College), Jazz Ensemble conductor Todd Stoll (Jazz at Lincoln Center, NYC), and Modern Band conductor Bryan Powell (Montclair State University, NJ).

“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 (*Name of City*) 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 the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) is to advance music education across New York State for its membership and students in member school programs.

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