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South Central Local School District Recognized Nationally for Music Education Efforts

–District ranks among nation’s top communities for its support of music education–

GREENWICH, OH. (March 29, 2014) –NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation has recognized South Central Local Schools for its outstanding commitment to music education with a Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) designation. South Central joins 376 districts across the country that have received the prestigious distinction in 2014, and is the only school in Huron County to be so honored.

In its 15th year, Best Communities for Music Education affirms school districts that have demonstrated exceptional efforts toward maintaining music education as part of the district’s core curriculum. South Central Local Schools continue to focus on a quality music program and *provide big district opportunities in a right-sized setting* for its students, staff, and community.

To be considered for the award, interested schools and districts completed the BCME survey that asked detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Survey responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Institute for Educational Research and Public Service of Lawrence, Kansas, an affiliate of the University of Kansas.

“It is exciting that the hard work of our music teachers, students, parents, and community are being recognized at a national level,” stated David Brand, superintendent, South Central Local Schools. “We are truly a close-knit family that does everything possible for our students to succeed.”

About the Best Communities for Music Education Program:

The Best Communities for Music Education program plays an important part of the NAMM Foundation’s efforts to make music education part of the core curriculum assuring that the benefits of music making are available to every child. Numerous studies have demonstrated that learning to play music can boost academic and social skills, lower disciplinary action and keep kids in schools.

About the NAMM Foundation:

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit organization supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its nearly 9,000 members around the world with the mission of advancing active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public service programs from the international music products industry. For more information about the NAMM Foundation, please visit: www.nammfoundation.org.

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