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## PENN-DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT

### **Penn-Delco School District Recognized Nationally for Schools' Music Education Efforts**

*As One of the Best Communities for Music Education, District Heralded for Support of Music Education*

ASTON, PA. (March 18, 2013) – The NAMM Foundation recognizes Penn-Delco for its outstanding commitment to music education with a Best Communities for Music Education designation. Penn-Delco joins 307 districts across the country to receive the prestigious distinction this year.

In its 14th year, Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) affirms school districts that have demonstrated exceptional efforts toward maintaining music education as part of the schools' core curriculum.

The BCME survey requires districts to answer detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. 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.

“This is a wonderful honor for our district, the music department and the community of Penn-Delco,” said Dr. George Steinhoff, Superintendent of Schools. “To be nationally recognized is a tribute to the level of excellence given by our outstanding music department. The teachers are extremely dedicated to sharing their love of teaching and of music with the students of Penn-Delco. This would never happen without a supportive community, terrific parents, wonderful staff, and of course, excellent students. Compelling data continues to show the value of high-quality music instruction in the schools and I would like to thank our community for the support of our music program and for understanding how important it is to the overall success of the students of Penn-Delco.”

The announcement of this year's Best Communities for Music Education designation brings attention to the importance of keeping music education part of school's core education and music's vital role in student success in school.

The BCME designation is an important part of the NAMM Foundation's efforts to advocate for school-based music education. Numerous studies have demonstrated that learning to play music can boost other academic and social skills, such as math and learning to cooperate in a group.

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