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Rosa International Middle School Receives National Recognition for Music Education Program

CHERRY HILL, NJ - April 17, 2018 – For the fourth year in a row, Cherry Hill's Rosa International Middle School has been honored with the SupportMusic Merit Award from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Rosa is one of only 135 schools across the country to receive this honor.

The SupportMusic Merit Award recognizes individual schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

To qualify for the SupportMusic Merit Award, Rosa answered 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 Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

Assistant principal and supervisor of Rosa's music department, Mr. George Zografos, says, "The Rosa International Music Program provides an important part of a truly holistic learning experience to our students. The Rosa Music Program helps our students become better students since they learn that precision, practice, teamwork, and determination are all required to perform their music at the highest level. And these same qualities help students master their content as well."

This award recognizes that Rosa international Middle School is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The legislation guides policy implementation in the states. ESSA recommends music and the arts as important elements of a well-rounded education for all children.

Mr. Zografos adds, "Our students here at Rosa benefit tremendously from our rich music program guided by Sue Mark, Scott Graser, and Jack Murtha. These three exceptional educators not only teach music skills, they teach life lessons to help our students become better individuals who have a positive impact on society."

Mrs. Sue Mark, instrumental director, adds, "We know we have something great here. It's nice to get some external recognition for all the hard work and efforts of the entire music staff and the students."

