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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Janet Barresi *JCB*

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SUBJECT: Recognition of Union Public Schools, Independent District #9 for receiving the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation designation of Best Communities for Music Education

The Best Communities for Music Education survey acknowledges schools and districts across the United States for their commitment to and support of music education in schools. Participants in the survey answer detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and other relevant factors in the community's music education program. The responses are verified with district officials, and advisory organizations review the data.

The survey measures a variety of factors, including budgetary commitment to music, opportunities to learn music, the presence of highly qualified, certified music teachers, adherence to state and national standards, types of musical experiences offered and opportunities for performance and competition, among others. To make the "Best Communities," a community is committed to access and high standards for music education in all areas. Out of approximately 2,000 applicants, 307 school districts received this prestigious award.

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