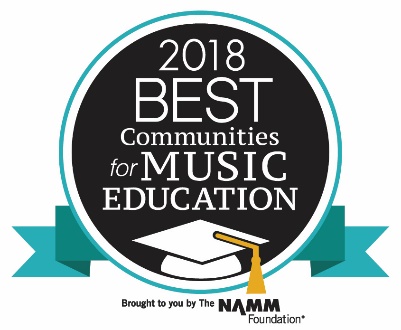
**Media Alert**

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**[NAME of School/District] Recognized as One of the Best in the Nation for Music Education**

**What:** [Concert/Celebration/Press conference/Certificate Presentation] recognizing [name of school/district] for receiving the 2018 SupportMusic Merit Award/Best Communities for Music Education Award from The NAMM Foundation.

The award recognizes the commitment and dedication of [name of school or district] to music and the arts as innovative learning opportunities for a well-rounded education.

**Who:** [number] students from [name school or after-school program] [insert activity/visual] led by [insert music teacher or administrator’s name].

**When:** [day, date and time]

**Where:** [location, address, city]

**Why:** [School] has been named one of [number] schools across the nation to be a SupportMusic Merit/Best Communities for Music Education recipient by The NAMM Foundation. [School/District] demonstrates an unwavering commitment to providing comprehensive music education for all students.

Opportunities for Media: [Interviews with administrators/faculty/staff/students/parents, etc., witness music program in action]

For more information, please contact [name and contact].

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