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The Foundation for Music Education is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the support and advancement of music education through scholarships and other worthwhile projects.

Dear Mr. Sundell,

On behalf of the Foundation for Music Education and our Board of Trustees, I am pleased to inform you that the **Vernon Hills High School Wind Ensemble** has been selected as a **National Winner** in the Mark of Excellence / National Wind Band Honors project. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!

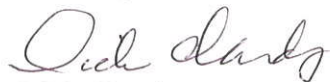
The Mark of Excellence consists of the *National Wind Band Honors, the National Orchestra Honors, National Choral Honors, National Jazz Honors, and National Percussion Ensemble Honors*. It is a competition, entered by recordings, in which the top quarter are selected as National Winners, and the second quarter receive Commended Honors. This year 161 of the finest musical ensembles in the nation entered the competition. The project has now received entries from thirty two states.

The band adjudicators for the project were John Whitwell, Director Emeritus of Bands, Michigan State University, Steve Peterson, Director of Bands at Ithaca College, and Frank Wickes, retired Director of Bands at Louisiana State University.

In the next several weeks you will receive your recorded and written comments from the adjudicator, your scores, and also a compilation CD of the performances of the National Winners. Your performance is featured.

The **Vernon Hills High School Band** is a wonderful example for bands everywhere, and a credit to your district. Congratulations to all involved!

Sincerely,



Dick Clardy

Executive Director

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Mark of Excellence / National Wind Band Honors 2011 National Winners

Class A

Canyon Ridge MS Honor Band	Amy Allison	Austin, TX
Coppell MS North Honor Winds	Joey Ashbrook	Coppell, TX
Cross Timbers MS Honors Band	Asa Burk	Grapevine, TX
Grisham MS Honors Band	Betty Bierschenk - Pierce	Austin, TX
North Ridge MS Select Band	James Smith	North Richland Hills, TX

Class AA

Aledo MS Honor Winds	M. Ryan Johnstone	Aledo, TX
Cedar Park MS Symphonic Band	Manuel C. San Luis	Cedar Park, TX
Cockrill MS Symphonic I Band	Gary Williams	McKinney, TX
Henry MS Honors Band	Robert Herrings III	Cedar Park, TX
Indian Springs MS Band	David Puckett	Keller, TX
Kealing MS Wind Ensemble	Mark Gurgel	Austin, TX
Knox JH Wind Ensemble	Jennifer Dillard	The Woodlands, TX
Shadow Ridge MS Honor Winds	Chris Meredith	Flower Mound, TX
York JH Wind Ensemble	Amanda Brodie Pritchard	Spring, TX

Class AAA

North Forney HS Wind Ensemble	Mack Wood	Forney, TX
North Lamar HS Symphonic Band	Randy Jones	Paris, TX

Class AAAA

Birdville HS Symphonic Band	Jollette Wine	North Richland Hills, TX
Forney High School Wind Ensemble	Mark Poole	Forney, TX
Vernon Hills HS Wind Ensemble	Randy Sundell, D. Tribley	Vernon Hills, IL
Willis HS Wind Ensemble	Chris Allen, M. Martinez	Willis, TX
Wakeland HS Wind Symphony	Gerry Miller	Frisco, TX

Class AAAAA

Brazoswood HS Symphonic Band	Brian Casey	Clute, TX
Hebron HS Wind Ensemble	Andy Sealy	Carrollton, TX
J.J. Pearce HS Wind Ensemble	Greg Hames	Plano, TX
Keller HS Wind Ensemble	Mark McGahey	Keller, TX
Marcus HS Wind Symphony	Amanda Drinkwater	Flower Mound, TX
Plano East Sr. HS Wind Ensemble	Evelio Villarreal	Plano, TX
Southwest HS Wind Ensemble	Stacey Dunn	Fort Worth, TX

New Music Division

Clements HS Symphonic Band	Daniel Galloway	Sugar Land, TX
Forney HS Wind Ensemble	Mark Poole	Forney, TX
Lake Highlands HS Wind Ensemble	Jeff Bradford	Dallas, TX