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NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION SELECTS RECORD NUMBER OF MHS STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVALS THIS YEAR

MAMARONECK, NY, October 25, 2016 – The Mamaroneck School District has a record number of students chosen at the State level to perform in Rochester at this year’s All-State Music Festival December 1-4, 2016. With 12 acceptances, eight Mamaroneck High School (MHS) students will participate in the Festival. Additionally, on the county level, 34 MHS students were chosen to perform in the Area All-State Festival scheduled for November 10, 2016 at SUNY Purchase.

“The number of students selected to perform in these festivals this year is testament to the exceptionally hard work our students put in and to the talent that we have here in Mamaroneck,” said Coordinator of K-12 Music Dina Madden. “We’re so proud of what our music students accomplish.”

Thousands of students audition from all over New York State for the opportunity to participate in the All-State Festival with guest conductors from various universities throughout the United States. Selection of high school musicians to All-State and Area All-State, where students participate with top student musicians throughout Westchester, is based on students’ ratings from the New York School Music Association (NYSSMA) Solo Festival last spring.

All-State and Area All-State groups are open to all high school music students throughout the State and Westchester respectively. Band, chorus and orchestra students selected to participate come together to rehearse for their upcoming performances.

This year’s All-State acceptances include: Jared Berger, Instrumental Jazz – trumpet; Skyler Lesser-Roy, Mixed Chorus - soprano; Will Fishell, Instrumental Jazz – trumpet; Carly Levin-Santalone, Women’s Chorus - soprano; Will Fishell, Wind Ensemble – trumpet; Ian Melamed, Alternate – cello; Ties Jansen, Mixed Chorus – tenor; Spencer Robinson, String Orchestra – double bass; Lucie Le Blanc, Alternate – cello; Benny Rosenzweig, Instrumental Jazz – tenor sax; Skyler Lesser-Roy, Alternate – violin, and Molly Sloane, Women’s Chorus – alto.

Students accepted into the Westchester County Area All-State Festival include: Michayla Baigel, Patricia Ballard, Lauren Barragan, Jared Berger, Alex Birger, Natalie Bunta, Will Fishell,

All-State and Area All-State students will be recognized at the Board of Education meeting on November 15, 2016. At that time, the some of the All-State students will perform a special piece for the community.

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