

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **GCPS receives national honor for support of music education** **Gwinnett named “Best Community for Music Education”**

Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) has once again been named one of the nation’s **Best Communities for Music Education (BCME)** by the **National Association of Music Merchants, (NAMM)**. The NAMM Foundation works to advance active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs. BCME is a signature program of the NAMM Foundation that recognizes and celebrates school districts for their support and commitment to music education.

**David DuBose, GCPS’ director of Fine Arts**, says “We are proud to have received this recognition again. This honor recognizes the importance Gwinnett County Public Schools and our community has placed on the arts. It really serves as a testament to the support of the fine arts programs displayed by CEO/Superintendent J. Alvin Wilbanks, our School Board, parents, and our incredibly talented music teachers and students.”

The BCME award recognizes the commitment of school administrators, community leaders, teachers, and parents who believe in music education and who are working to ensure that it is part of a complete education for all children. It also enables educators to draw attention to music programs that are sometimes overlooked or not fully understood by members of the public beyond the school community.

A variety of nationally known organizations act as advisors of the Best Communities for Music Education program. These include Americans for the Arts, League of American Orchestras, The Mr. Holland’s Opus Foundation, Music for All, Music Teachers National Association, National Guild For Community Arts Education, Yamaha Corporation of America, Young Audiences and VH1 Save the Music Foundation.

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit organization supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,300 members around the world. Its mission is to advance active participation in music making across the lifespan by any other supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving and public service programs. For more information about the NAMM Foundation visit [www.nammfoundation.org](http://www.nammfoundation.org).



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