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Nadine Pomeroy, Milford Public Schools, Named 2021 NFHS National High School Heart of the Arts Award Recipient

Each year, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) recognizes representatives from fine arts programs through the National High School Heart of the Arts Award. The award celebrates an individual or a group who exemplify the ideals of the positive hearts of the arts that represent the core mission of education-based activities.

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) is pleased to announce Nadine Pomeroy, Milford Public Schools, as the 2021 NFHS National High School Heart of the Arts Award Recipient for Massachusetts.

Congratulations Nadine!!



Nadine Pomeroy has served in the Milford School District since 1988 in the capacity of lead music teacher and the band director at Milford High School. Since 2001 she has served as the Director of Music for Milford Public Schools. During her years as teacher and director, Nadine has built a premier district school music program which has strong roots starting at the elementary level, resulting in one out of five students at the high school level partaking in the music program. In addition to mentoring the entire district music faculty, Nadine mentors students to become better leaders, learners, and citizens. Josh Otlin, Milford High School Principal stated, "Under Nadine's leadership, our music department has become an incubator of leadership and a powerful driver of our positive school culture."

Nadine has used her passion for music and social responsibility to create a learning environment which fosters excellence, provides support, challenges students and delivers leaders in the Milford community. With her music students giving over 40 public performances district wide, Nadine has established music as a centerpiece of community life. Nadine works tirelessly to coordinate schedules with administrators, athletic directors and colleagues to weave music into the community through her students' performances (at all levels), whether they are participating in town parades, performing for the

school committee, playing a special musical request at the house of a Veteran, or celebrating music through district-wide chorus and instrumental performances. She instills high expectations and consistency into her students' mindsets, providing a structure for students to access resources and leadership skills and to apply them to their personal lives.

Otlin said, "Nadine is a tenacious advocate for her program and a consummate team-player." The Milford music program is extremely successful and respected due in large part to Nadine's commitment to promote music as a means to teach the core mission of education-based activities which promotes respect and integrity, fosters inclusion of diverse populations, encourages positive school and community culture, and enriches the educational experience.

It is with great honor to present to Nadine Pomeroy the 2021 NFHS National High School Heart of the Arts Award for Massachusetts.



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