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Propel Hazelwood Nationally Recognized for Excellence in Music Education

PITTSBURGH, April 10, 2017 – Propel Hazelwood was recognized for its outstanding commitment to music education as one of 92 schools across the country to receive the SupportMusic Merit Award from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation. Propel Hazelwood was the only elementary school out of the four Pennsylvania schools recognized.

“This national recognition of our Propel Hazelwood program is a reminder of the importance of music education for student development and growth,” said Dr. Tina Chekan, superintendent and CEO, Propel Schools. “Through our music education and CreativeArts curriculum, Propel embraces the power of creativity in helping students to build confidence and find their place and passion.”

“Propel Hazelwood strives to maximize every scholar’s musical experience with a specialized approach that highlights each student’s strengths and focuses on the foundations of music education,” said Alexander Slaughter, music educator, Propel Hazelwood. “Our collaborative, integrated curriculum encourages students to become stronger learners as they apply their knowledge from other classes like math and science, taking music education to the next level.”

The award recognizes schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. To qualify, Propel Hazelwood submitted a detailed questionnaire about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community musicmaking programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

About Propel Schools

Propel Schools is a network of public charter schools that transforms the lives of children in underserved communities through innovative, student-centered learning. Propel sets a standard for creating productive citizens by prioritizing academic excellence and fundamental life skills. Based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Propel has become one of the



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