

Spring Branch Independent School District

Agenda Item Information

Date of Board Meeting: October 26, 2026

Subject: Recognition of Memorial High School Sinfonia Orchestra and Stratford High School
Symphony Orchestra as National Winners in the 2026 Mark of Excellence
Competition

Administrator Responsible:

Name: Linda Buchman

Position: Associate Superintendent for Communications and Community Engagement

Purpose of Agenda Item: Special Presentation

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR BACK-UP:

We are proud to recognize the Memorial High School Sinfonia Orchestra under the direction of Matthew Chan and Leslie Campbell as a 2026 Mark of Excellence National Winner. This is the highest honor and represents the top quarter of entries in this national competition. We also congratulate Stratford High School's Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Artan Zhuri and Marcos Altamirano as a commended winner in this competition.

"The Mark of Excellence" is a national music competition that recognizes music ensembles for outstanding performances. Ensembles are judged by nationally known adjudicators, with the top quarter being named as National Winners and the second quarter named as Commended Winners. The Mark of Excellence competition received 525 entries in all classifications this year from 40 states.

Congratulations to all of our students and their directors for their amazing work and performances!