

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
October 13, 2020**

Mark of Excellence

The Foundation for Music Education's "Mark of Excellence" project seeks to recognize and award outstanding achievement in performance by high school and middle school bands, choirs and orchestras. The project gathers entries from throughout the United States and provides valuable feedback for all entrants. A unique competitive environment is created which allows ensembles to compare their performance quality to other outstanding groups from across the country.

The top 25 percent of entrants, of which there were 145, are recognized as National Winners, with the second 25 percent named as Commended Winners. The most outstanding groups are recognized in regional and/or national publications and at national and regional conventions.

Congratulations to the students and directors of these two outstanding Denton ISD ensembles for being honored with a Mark of Excellence Award.

Harpool Middle School

Harpool MS Wind Ensemble – Bryan Stone, Director

National Wind Band Honors Project - National Winner

Commended Winner in the New Music Division

Harpool Middle School is led by Jeff Smith, principal

Denton High School

Denton High Lab Band 1 - Jesse Woolery, Director

National Jazz Honors Project - Commended Winner

Denton High School is lead by Joel Hays, principal.

Hero for Texas Children

Suzanne Danhof, president of the Denton ISD PTA Council, was recently honored with the 2020 Heroes for Children Award for State Board of Education (SBOE) representing District 14. This is a prestigious award that only 15 individuals statewide received.

Ms. Danhof was recognized for outstanding volunteer efforts during the past five years, supporting our school community and staff, and most especially, the students of Texas.

A formal resolution was read in her honor during the general meeting of the State Board on September 11, 2020.

Please help us congratulate and show our sincerest gratitude to Suzanne Danhof as she works tirelessly to support and coordinate volunteer efforts in all of our campus chapters of the PTA in Denton ISD. She is a mentor and friend to many.