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The **Westport Public Schools Music Department** is excited to share that we have once again been honored with the **Best Communities for Music Education** designation from the NAMM Foundation, our *seventh straight year*. Recognized for outstanding commitment to music education, Westport joins 623 districts across the country in receiving this prestigious award for 2019.

Districts that have been recognized by the NAMM Foundation are often held up as models for other educators looking to elevate their own music education programs. To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Westport answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and community music-making programs. Responses were verified with school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

This award also recognizes that Westport is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the new federal education legislation, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA recommends music and the Arts as important elements in a well-rounded education for all children.

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