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FULLERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ***Golden Hill School for Creative and Performing Arts*** ***Receives NAMM Foundation Award***

(Fullerton, CA) – Golden Hill School for Creative and Performing Arts is one of 78 schools nationwide to receive the SupportMusic Merit Award (SMMA) from The NAMM Foundation (National Association of Music Merchants). The SMMA Award acknowledges an individual school for its commitment to music education. This award is given to schools as part of the Best Communities for Music Education program. Through the pandemic, these schools remained committed to music education so that all children could explore and express themselves through music.

The NAMM Foundation is an organization that advances active participation in music making across the lifespan by supporting scientific research, philanthropic giving, and public service programs. Golden Hill has a unique model in which every student in TK through 4th grade receives music curriculum from a credentialed music teacher. This instruction occurs weekly for 40 minutes during which students are exposed to a standards based sequential system of learning where they build upon skills learned in previous days, months, and years. Fifth and sixth grade students receive this music instruction two times per week as a grade level. The 5th grade students gain exposure to both band and chorus, participating in each for half a year. The 6th grade students begin to focus on a particular curricular area, either participating in band or chorus for the full school year.

Golden Hill School for Creative and Performing Arts Principal, Dr. Neil Anderson shares his passion for arts, “Exposure and participation in the arts isn’t something that should be a discussion. The data is there and research has been proven time and time again confirming the importance of the arts in a young person’s life. At Golden Hill, we have embraced this philosophy of integrating the arts into all we do, and understand their importance as it relates to the social-emotional well-being of our students.”

The Fullerton School District is located in northern Orange County, California and serves over 11,600 students in grades TK – 8th. The Fullerton School District includes 21 schools, 15 elementary schools, two K-8th grade schools, three middle schools, and a distance learning and home school model. The

mission of the Fullerton School District is to work collaboratively with the community to provide an innovative, high-quality educational program for all students in a safe learning environment. The District motto, “*Great Schools - Successful Kids*” exemplifies the belief that all students will achieve academic excellence, acquire interpersonal skills, and develop technological expertise to contribute as productive citizens in a democratic society. For more information, call 714/447-7400 or visit www.fullertonsd.org.

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