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Waterford Mott High School Named 2006 Grammy Signature School National Finalist

February 21, 2006 Waterford, Mich. – The GRAMMY Foundation has selected Waterford Mott High School as a 2006 Grammy Signature School national finalist. Selection is based on a scoring system applied and critiqued by a panel of top music educators and professionals.

A school is named a **Grammy Signature School** based on excellent performance ensembles, high quality instruction in multiple musical genres, high quality instruction to all students in non-performance music courses, and a variety of music education to larger student body such as non-band, choir, and orchestra. A \$2,000 cash award is presented to the winner.

The **Grammy Signature School – Gold Award** is based on all of the above criteria and a quality string, wind/percussion, and choral performance ensemble. The winner of this award receives \$7,000.

A **National Grammy Signature School** is judged on the criteria of both the above mentioned awards and is designated as the best of the Grammy Gold. A \$20,000 award is presented to the winner.

The GRAMMY Foundation, a nonprofit arm of the Recording Academy, is dedicated to engaging students of all ages through music and arts-based education programs. With initiatives that include mentoring, archiving and preservation, and the Leonard Bernstein Center's Artful Learning® model, the Foundation strives to cultivate understanding, appreciation and advancement of the arts across the country.

Final notification of award recipients will be made in March 2006.

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