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Waterford Kettering Chamber and Symphony Strings and Orchestra Earn Superior Ratings at Festival

March 8, 2007, Waterford, Mich. – Waterford orchestras from Kettering High School, Pierce Middle School, Crary Middle School, Mason Middle School and other Oakland County orchestras participated in District IV Orchestra Festival at Waterford Kettering High School.

Each Orchestra performed three musical selections, one from a required list based on school size, for three adjudicators from other areas of the state. The orchestras are rated on how well they present their musical selections in light of the total musical performance. Following these performances, each orchestra travels to another room where an adjudicator rates the orchestras on how well they prepare and play two more pieces that they have not seen before, called sight-reading. In the sight-reading room, the preparation time is limited to seven minutes for both pieces, followed by a performance of both pieces. The rating system is Division I for excellent or near flawless performance, Division II for good performance with minor issues, Division III for an average performance. The orchestras have been practicing and preparing since November for this event.

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The Waterford Kettering Symphony Strings and the Chamber Orchestra earned overall Division I ratings at the Orchestra Festival. Below is the breakdown of the individual adjudicators rating and how they are combined to determine the overall rating.

The **Chamber Orchestra** scores were:

Judge 1	I
Judge 2	I
Judge 3	I
Performance Rating	I
Sight-reading Rating	I
Final Rating:	I (Superior)

The **Symphony Orchestra** scores were:

Judge 1	I
Judge 2	I
Judge 3	II
Performance Rating	I
Sight-reading Rating	II
Final Rating:	I (Superior)

This is the second year in a row that the Kettering Orchestras have earned Division I ratings and District Orchestra Festival. The Kettering Chamber Orchestra have earned their Division I rating with straight ones (a I rating from each adjudicator) each year. Both orchestras are qualified and signed up to go to State Band and Orchestra Festival the weekend on April 27-28, 2007 at Walled Lake Northern High School. Merlyn Beard is the instructor.

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