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SUBJECT: MMEA All-State Audition Results
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I am pleased to inform you that 19 students from Belmont High School have been selected to participate in the Massachusetts Music Educators Association 2011 All-State Music Festival. Auditions were held on January 29th at Shrewsbury High School. This is one of the highest honors that any Massachusetts high school student can achieve in music. We are very proud of all of our students who will be representing Belmont High School.

<u>BAND</u>	<u>CHORUS</u>	<u>SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA</u>
Adam Belkadi	Louise Brownsberger	Najette Abouelhadi
Rachel Hanna	Ayanna Coleman Potempa	Enchi Chang
Benjamin Meyer	Ben Dearden	Sharon Kim
Andrew Park	Robert Gibson	Leah Meyer
Linda Wei	Matthew John	Samuel Moore
	Jack Lowrie	Ye-Eun Sung
	Gabriel Plass	Leonardo Ziporyn

Enchi Chang received the top score in the state in violin, and was named Concert Master of the MMEA All-State Symphonic Orchestra. This is the third consecutive year that a Belmont student has held this position. In addition, Linda Wei was selected as first chair saxophone in the All-State Band, and Leonardo Ziporyn was selected first chair oboe in the Symphonic Orchestra.

Approximately 1000 students representing over 250 public and private high schools audition for the MMEA All-State Music Festival, of which about 450 are selected for the honors band, orchestra and chorus. The students will be attending rehearsals on March 24-25 at the Boston Seaport Hotel. The festival will culminate in a gala concert at Symphony Hall, Boston on March 26. The All-State Music Festival is held in conjunction with the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Annual In-Service Teachers Conference.

Belmont High School consistently has more students accepted in the MMEA All-Sate Festival than most other high schools in Massachusetts, and has been one of the top two schools for several years. This year, Belmont ranked second in terms of the numbers of students accepted. In addition, this is the highest participation rate of any high school in Massachusetts.

This is only one indication of the excellence achieved when public schools include a comprehensive and sequential curriculum in music that begins at the elementary level.

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