

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor & City Commissioners
FROM: Ken Hibl, City Manager
DATE: April 28, 2016
RE: Recognition – Clare Public Schools Music Program

For the Agenda of May 2, 2016

Background. Clare Public Schools was recently recognized (see copy of att'd *Clare County Review* article) by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation (NAMM) as having one of the 16 best Music Education Programs (Best Communities Music Education designation) in the state of Michigan. While there were many elements (the Clare High School Band – to include its concert, jazz, & pep bands – the Gateway Community Band, and the entire CPS music education program and all who are involved with it) that contributed to this distinctive designation, a significant portion of the credit for receipt of the award must go to Mr. Adam Cable, the CPS first-year band director. Adam has made tremendous strides and a significant positive impact on the entire community music program and was the author of the nomination for the award.

The Commission is asked to formally recognize Adam and the CPS Music Program by presentation of a resolution and a Mayoral Key of Excellence.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission formally recognize Mr. Cable and the CPS Music Program?

Alternatives.

1. Formally recognize Adam and the CPS Music Program.
2. Do not formally recognize Adam and the Music Program
3. Set aside decision regarding this matter to a later date.

Financial Impact. Minimal – the cost of two frames.

Recommendation. I recommend that the City Commission formally recognize Adam Cable and the CPS Music Program by adoption of Resolution 2016-044 (*copy att'd*) and a Mayoral Key of Excellence (*not att'd – to be provided Monday evening*).

Attachments.

1. News Article.
2. Resolution 2016-044 – the Mayoral Excellence Certificate will be provided Monday evening.



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Clare Public Schools music program recognized nationally



Clare Public Schools band program was honored with the best communities for music education award. The award demonstrates outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all of it's students.

Clare Public Schools has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. This year, out of the nation's 13,515 school districts, the NAMM Foundation chose just 16 in the state of Michigan.

The Best Communities Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

"This award helps us showcase our incredible K-4 music program that Michael Wright has put his heart and soul into, our Gateway Community Band that allows community members the opportunity to continue performing after high school, a 6-12 band program that encourages leadership, musicianship, and having fun, and a variety of other musical opportunities that our community participates in" said first-year director of bands, Adam Cable. "As a first-year director, I have been supported since day one of my arrival to Clare which I am certainly grateful for. Our program is extremely lucky to have support from our administrators and community to provide CPS students with the opportunity to participate in general music and band."

The Clare High School band currently has 75 members which have the opportunity to participate in concert band, pep band, and jazz band. "2015-2016 has been a very special year for our program. The Pioneer Marching Band was able to honor our hometown heroes at our September 11th football game,

they were able to Skype Ray Dalton from Macklemore to learn about overcoming performance anxiety, and have performed at a CMU football and basketball game" said Cable.

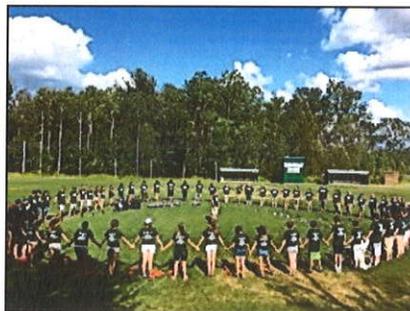
In addition to the NAMM award, the 8th grad band program received straight 1's at district band festival, and senior Peter DeRoche was named a member of the All-State band. Students in grades 7-12 participate in solo & ensemble at the district and state level, and are constantly raising the bar. "Our students are simply incredible. They are involved in athletics, student congress, art, drama, and still find time to create moving experiences for our audiences."

To qualify for the Best Communities designation, Clare Public Schools 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 recognizes that Clare Public Schools is leading the way with learning opportunities as outlined in the new federal education legislation, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The legislation, signed into law in December 2015, replaces No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), which was often criticized for an overemphasis on testing—while leaving behind subject such as music. ESSA recommends music and the arts as important elements of well-rounded education for all children.



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RESOLUTION 2016-044

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Clare Public Schools was recently recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation (NAMM) as having one of the 16 best Music Education Programs (Best Communities Music Education designation) in the state of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, said distinct recognition and honor encompasses many elements of the Clare Public Schools Music Program, to include the Clare High School Band with its concert, jazz, & pep bands; the Gateway Community Band; the K-4 Music Program orchestrated by Mr. Michael Wright; the CPS 6-12 Band Program; the CPS 8th Grade Band for its receipt of straight 1s at the district band festival; to Mr. Peter DeRoche for his selection as a member of the Michigan All-State Band, and the entire CPS Music Education Program and all who are involved with said Program; and

WHEREAS, a significant portion of the credit for receipt of said distinctive award must go to Mr. Adam Cable, the CPS first-year Band Director, who has made tremendous strides and has significantly influenced the progression and importance of the CPS Music Program as it relates to the entire community and who was the author of the nomination for the award; and

WHEREAS, the Clare City Commission deems it appropriate to formally recognize and offers its praise for said distinctive award and to all who are involved in the CPS Music Education Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Clare, on behalf of the residents and business community of the Greater Clare Area Community, hereby offers its heartfelt congratulations to the Clare Public Schools Music Program and to all who are involved with, participate in, or have a leadership, management, supporting, or funding role in said Program for its distinct achievement of receiving National Association of Music Merchants Foundation (NAMM) recognition as one of the 16 best Music Education Programs in the state of Michigan.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Clare City Commission specifically recognizes Mr. Adam Cable, the Clare Public Schools Music Program and Band Director, for the tremendous strides and significantly positive impact he has had on the entire community music program and for authoring the nomination which resulted in said distinctive and special award.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Clare City Commission encourages and supports the continuance of excellence in the Clare Public School Music Program.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INsofar AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution approved for adoption on this 2nd day of May 2016.

Diane Lyon, City Clerk