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### Berntson Awarded 2017 NDMEA Hall of Fame Award

West Fargo, ND – (February 16, 2017) – Mark Berntson, an instrumental music teacher at West Fargo High School and Sheyenne High School, has been awarded the 2017 North Dakota Music Educators Association Hall of Fame Award. Mr. Berntson has been with West Fargo Public Schools for more than two decades, having started his position at West Fargo High School in 1996.

This award is given to an individual who has served as an active music educator or music administrator in North Dakota for a minimum of ten years. Recipients must demonstrate consistent excellence in the teaching of music, contribute significantly to the betterment of the music education profession, and demonstrate the highest ideals of professional integrity throughout their years of service. In the reviewing of the nominees, the selection committee unanimously decided to award the honor to Mr. Berntson.

Mr. Berntson will officially receive his award at the North Dakota All State Concerts on Saturday, March 25.