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Local Music Educator Re-Elected to Leadership Role

*Chatham’s Samantha McShane continues to represent
Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam Counties to Executive Council*

Westbury, NY – January 10, 2025 – The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) is pleased to recognize Samantha McShane, music educator in the Chatham School District, as she begins the first year of a second three-year term representing her peers as NYSSMA’s “Zone 10 Representative”. This area, designated by NYSSMA, encompasses Columbia, Dutchess, and Putnam Counties.

In addition to her commitment to NYSSMA, Mrs. McShane serves as president of the Columbia County Music Educators’ Association. More, she has conducted honors ensembles at festivals in Columbia, Greene, and Montgomery counties.

"Our Zone Representatives provide an invaluable line of communication between their areas of New York State and the Executive Council of NYSSMA. The leadership skills that Samantha McShane has are outstanding and we are proud to have her on our team," said Edmund Chiarello, NYSSMA president.

She earned a Bachelors Degree in Music Education degree from Hartwick College, and a Master’s Degree from The College of St. Rose. Previous involvement with NYSSMA includes work on NYSSMA’s *Best Practices in Music Education* and *Electronic Manual* committees, and presenting several professional development sessions to music educators at our all state/winter conference in Rochester, and our summer conference in Albany.

NYSSMA, the New York State School Music Association, is the largest state affiliate of the National Association for Music Education. Its mission is to advance music education across New York State for its membership and students in member school programs.

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