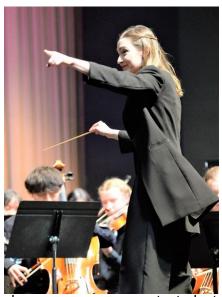
## **News release**



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## MPMEA honors two Everett Public Schools music educators



[Everett, WA] Heatherwood Middle School's orchestra teacher, Monica Camp, is being awarded with the Music Educator of the Year by the Mount Pilchuck Music Educators Association (MPMEA), a regional division of the Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA). The association is also honoring George Moffat with the Jackson High School Music and Arts Booster Club by awarding him the Friend of Music award.

"Monica sets the gold standard for music pedagogy and excellence in teaching, as well as mentoring her peers, and sharing her strategies and curriculum with the greater community. Her vision and leadership enhance the school district's orchestra program, and elevates the entire region's standards for music teaching," said Christa Phillipson, MPMEA President. "Anyone fortunate to work with her is left inspired and equipped with effective new strategies around

classroom management, student engagement, and advocacy to build stronger music programs in our schools. We are fortunate to have her in our region!"

George has spent countless hours over the course of the last 23 years as secretary and driving force of the Jackson high school music and arts booster club which now is the umbrella organization for a total of 10 music programs' booster clubs within the Everett School District. Phillipson adds, "His work has directly impacted the learning experience and access to music education of thousands of music students over the years. We are deeply grateful for his contributions and support."

Tami Coffman, the district's visual and performing arts facilitator added, "We are incredibly fortunate to have so many award-winning music educators."



Monica and George will receive their awards on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at the Capitol Theatre, Yakima, WA.

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