

**Florida Music Educator Association (FMEA) Names  
Mr. Mark A. Tormoen  
as the 2010 FMEA Administrator of the Year!!**

On September 19, the Florida Music Educators Association (FMEA) Awards Committee met and selected Mr. Mark A. Tormoen as the 2010 FMEA Administrator of the Year. The FMEA Awards and Recognition Program is one of the more visible ways in which FMEA can recognize those who make outstanding contributions to music education throughout the state. The program strives to identify and honor these esteemed individuals from throughout the state of Florida. The FMEA Administrator of the Year award recognizes a school administrator who is not a professional music educator, but has displayed ardent support of his school music program. This award recognizes leadership, excellence in encouragement and promotion of music education in Florida schools.

Mr. Mark Tormoen, principal of Viera High School in Viera, FL, had an early vision of a comprehensive, successful music program become a reality due to his unwavering support of his teachers and students. Viera High School opened in 2006 with 900 students and two instructors teaching 110 students enrolled in two band classes, two string orchestra classes, a jazz band, three choirs, and two piano classes. Viera HS is now home to 2000 students and boasts three full time instructors with two additional instructors teaching more than 400 students in three concert bands, three jazz bands, string orchestra, full symphony orchestra, instrumental techniques, AP Music Theory, four choirs, a piano course, and American Musical Theatre.

Wayne Bresette and Dominick Eggen, Viera High School's Instrumental Music Directors, nominated Mr. Tormoen on behalf of the Viera High School Music Department. There were many who "sang" Mr. Tormoen's praises in letters of support submitted with the nomination.

(Mr. Tormoen) has done a wonderful job of creating, from the start, a culture among the faculty and students at VHS which actively seeks, recognizes, and rewards high ambition and high accomplishment. – *Orchestra Parent*

(Mr. Tormoen's) presence is an inspiration in itself. Everyone knows "Mr. T." and he is beloved by all. – *Band Parent*

Mr. Tormoen will receive his FMEA Administrator of the Year Award during the FMEA Clinic/Conference in January. An Awards Breakfast is planned for January 8 where Mr. Tormoen will be given this prestigious award.

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