SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE WESTHILL HIGH SCHOOL'S PERCUSSION ON BEING NAMED THE WGI DARTMOUTH SCHOLASTIC A CLASS CHAMPIONS

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2025, the Westhill High School's Percussion ensemble students competed at the Winter Guard International (WGI) Dartmouth Regional in the Percussion Scholastic A Class (PSA). WGI Sport of the Arts is the world's premiere organization producing indoor color guard, percussion, and winds competitions; and

WHEREAS, Westhill swept the competition at the Sport of the Arts World Championships in March 2025 with a lead of 4.225 points, shattering the school's previous record and earned a score of 88.000 and the title of WGI Dartmouth Scholastic A Class Champions; and

WHEREAS, after the competition, the WGI Steering Committee deemed it was necessary to promote Westhill Percussion from A Class to Open Class, which is one of the highest honors a WGI ensemble can receive during the season. This promotion shows the students are demonstrating a high enough level of skill and achievement to be adjudicated at a higher level, the first time a Westhill Percussion ensemble has been promoted to Open Class; and

WHEREAS, this is the first time in school history that Westhill Percussion has achieved this level of success in competition. Their win catapulted WHS to #2 in the national rankings for Scholastic Class A programs, behind Clinton High School (MS). Westhill Percussion will travel in April to Dayton, Ohio to compete at the WGI World Championships amongst over 12,000 participants. Westhill Percussion also earned a silver medal on Saturday April 5th, 2025 at the Musical Arts Conference Championships with a score of 87.20.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the 31st Board of Representatives that it congratulates the Westhill High School's Percussion on both the WGI Dartmouth Regional Percussion Scholastic A Class, promotion to Scholastic Open Class, and reaching the WGI World Championship and wish the Westhill High School Percussion ensemble future success in their participation at the WGI World Championships in Dayton, Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 31st Board of Representatives congratulates the Westhill Percussion student members: Jorge Sena, Nevin Amaya Carrera, Xavier Marks, Katherinne Cantos Almanzar, Zulekha Munshi-South, Kimberly Roblero, Hillary Suarez, Jeremy Sliss, Zachary Bernstein, Lance Adams V, Philip Valenzano, Brian Garcia, David Carella, Jonathan Vega Sandoval, Sebastian Serrano, Enmanuel Meran, Patrick Hayes, Norah Lombardo, Emanuel Lopez, Kiran Munshi-South, Charlotte Hayes, Daria DiMattia, Vanessa Perez, Kateryna Tymchyshyn, Ciara Lee Robinson, Emma Seferidis, Sophie Barwinski, and Samuel Solozano; and captains: Richard Baer; James Palmer; Jackeline Gallegos; and Lewis Jean.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 31st Board of Representatives also recognizes the Westhill High School staff involved with the Percussion group: Director of Instrumental Music and Choreography Ms. Blair Roberts Charles; Assistant Band Director and Visual Captain Head Ariana Tullai, Percussion Caption Head and Arranger Thomas Morris; Front ensemble Manager and Sound Engineer Sean Charles; Battery Manager Mark Scocchera, Jr.; Battery Instructors Jason Laynes, Jeffrey Martinez, and Carmen Lopez; and Front Ensemble Instructor Bryan Picado.

Approved by the 31st Board of Representatives this 7th day of April, 2025

Jeff Curtis, President