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Wisconsin Music Associations Move to Waunakee

WAUNAKEE, WI (June 12, 2003) – Four Wisconsin music associations are happy to call Waunakee home.

The Wisconsin School Music Association, Wisconsin Music Educators Association, Wisconsin Foundation for School Music and Wisconsin Advocates for Music Education have moved into Arboretum Office Park, off Highway 19 and only minutes from Interstate 90/94. The group of non-profit music associations relocated from Madison's east side on June 2.

"The Waunakee location provides an attractive environment for the staff and members of the music associations. Cooperation from the Waunakee community has make this transition very manageable," said Mike George, executive director of WSMA and WMEA.

While the Associations are settling in to their new building, they aren't getting too comfortable. They'll be moving again soon... this time right across the street. The Wisconsin Foundation for School Music and the Wisconsin School Music Association are in the midst of a capital campaign to build the Wisconsin Center for Music Education on the 1.8 acres of land they own in Arboretum Office Park.

The Wisconsin Center for Music Education will be the first facility of its kind in the nation and will also house the headquarters for several other state arts organizations. It will provide educational resources such as a music library, digital sound studio, music technology center, and instructional space for workshops and classes, as well as distance learning and video conferencing capabilities. The Center will benefit music educators, students and community members interested in music education resources.

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The Wisconsin School Music Association and the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music form a partnership to support music education for the benefit of music educators and students of Wisconsin. The WFSM, founded in 1995 as the main fundraising arm of the partnership, provides scholarships for students participating in WSMA activities and recently launched a capital campaign to expand WSMA services. The WSMA creates opportunities for growth and learning by encouraging student and educator participation in WSMA programs such as the State Honors Music Project, Music Festivals, State Marching Band Championships, and the Student Composition Project.