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Title: **Hopatcong High School and Hanover Wind Symphony Combined Concert**

Art DiBenedetto, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces-

On Wednesday, May 15, the Hopatcong High School performed a combined Spring Concert with the Hanover Wind Symphony, an acclaimed adult community band based in Whippany. Earlier in the afternoon, members of the Hanover Wind Symphony provided instrument specific masterclasses for both high and middle school students, providing professional tips and advice. That evening, the high school band and the Hanover Wind Symphony performed their spring concert programs. As a special treat, Hudson Maxim music teacher Kristen O'Shea played the beautiful Sea Lullaby piano feature with Hanover Winds accompanying, directed by Hanover associate music director and Hopatcong middle and high school band director Kurt Zimmermann. The combined finale was performed with the high school students, middle school masterclass participants and the Hanover Winds, conducted by Hopatcong Senior Jennifer Coulman. Hanover Music Director and Wayne Hills High School Band Director Matthew Paterno said, "Our mission is to bring music to people, and people to music. The Hopatcong community has been coming to our music performances for years, so it was our turn to come to them." High School Principal Emil Binotto said, "I cannot believe what a professional performance this was. I would have paid top dollar for that concert in the city. What a fantastic experience for our kids that they will not soon forget!"



