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The Owego Apalachin Central School District was the host for the New York State School Music Association Zone 3 Major Organization Festival on May 19 and 20. This festival included over forty performing groups from the Southern Tier and Central New York. Thanks and congratulations to all students and parents who worked at running the festival. They worked very hard to provide a positive experience for the participants and they certainly made a very favorable impression on our guests.

In addition to hosting the festival our students also performed and competed. Groups performed before a panel of judges who determine ratings by completing a score sheet for each group. The judges also recorded their verbal commentary as each group performs. Level 1 is the easiest music and level 6 is the most difficult. Awards are Bronze, Silver, or Gold. The Gold With Distinction rating is given to only the very best performing groups.

Owego Apalachin music groups included –

- OAMS 6th Grade Chorus conducted by Jennifer Henion – Gold rating at level 1
- OAMS 6th Grade band conducted by Andrew Kearney - Gold rating at level 1
- OAMS Symphonic Band conducted by Andrew Kearney - Silver rating at level 3
- OAMS Jazz Band conducted by Andrew Kearney - Gold rating at level 3
- OFA Chamber Singers conducted by Megan Armenio - Gold rating at level 5
- OFA Jazz Band II conducted by Daniel Fabricius - Gold rating at level 5
- OFA Jazz Band conducted by Daniel Fabricius - Gold With Distinction rating at level 6
- OFA Concert Band conducted by Daniel Fabricius - Gold With Distinction rating at level 5