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**Bangor Area High
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will be hosting the PMEA District 10 Intermediate Band & Orchestra Fest on Friday, February 16, 2024. 200 band and orchestra students from 33 schools throughout Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike and Schuylkill counties were nominated and have been selected to participate in these ensembles. Seven of Bangor Area Middle School's students will be a part of this ensemble.

The concert is open to the public, and will be Friday, February 16th at 7:00pm at the Bangor Area High School Performing Arts Theater.

Tickets are \$5 and will go on sale at 6:00pm.

**1st Anniversary of the
County's Fake is Real
Campaign**

County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the Northampton County Drug and Alcohol Division will hold a press conference to commemorate the County's Fake is Real campaign and highlight the accomplishments of 2023 at the Department of Human Services Building in Conference Room 3 on Wednesday, January 31, at 1:30 p.m.

The Fake is Real awareness campaign aims to educate families, specifically young adults in the 18-35 age group, about the dangers of buying counterfeit prescription pills that may contain fentanyl. The campaign is funded from the proceeds that the County secured from litigation against opioid manufacturers. Funding from the settlement allows the County to strengthen its response to the ongoing epidemic, raise awareness to prevent addiction, and offer services to treat it.

New efforts will be announced during the event that will help combat fentanyl in our community, as well as a way to pay tribute to those we have lost.

County Executive Lamont G. McClure, Northampton County Director of Human Services Susan Wandolowski, Northampton County Drug & Alcohol Administrator Kathleen Jiorle, and District Attorney Stephen Baratta will provide remarks and take questions from the press.

For more information on Northampton County's Fake is Real campaign, please visit fakeisreal.org.

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