



John Wernega Biography

John Wernega is in his thirtieth year teaching at Quinton Township School. He has a Masters in Music Education from Westminster Choir College of Rider University. He has been selected for teacher of the year in 1997, and again in 2019. Mr. Wernega received the "Music Educator of the Year" award from the National Association for Music Education and Barbershop Harmony Society in 2020. He arranged the music for Fralinger String Band from 2002 to 2019, and

they won first place ten times in those years. He currently arranges the music for Quaker City, Ferko, and Greater Kensington String Bands. He was inducted into the Mummers Hall of Fame in 2012. He founded the barbershop harmony program at Quinton School in 2014, and at this point, this still is the only elementary school in the country with a Barbershop Harmony program. He has taken Quinton School students to perform in Reno, Las Vegas, and Nashville. Mr. Wernega founded the Head Start in Harmony festival in 2019, and this is the only Elementary barbershop festival in the world. He is a published music arranger and has arrangements listed in the JW Pepper catalog, as well as the catalog for the Barbershop Harmony Society. Mr. Wernega plays seventeen instruments, and you can see him playing many of these on YouTube.