

## Local Teen Band to Compete In SchoolJam USA Teen Battle of the Bands Competition

Competition Aimed at Encouraging Music Making Among Teens and  
Helping School Music Programs

**October, 2011**— The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) has announced that **Scituate High School band , Closer Than We Appear (Gabe Goodman, Max DiRado, Jack Duff, Ben Garman)** is competing in the online round of the 2011-2012 SchoolJam USA teen battle of the bands competition.

Starting Nov. 1, **Closer Than We Appear** will be featured along with teen bands from across the United States at [www.schooljamusa.com](http://www.schooljamusa.com), where people from the general public are encouraged to **vote for their favorite band everyday**. Online voting will run through Nov. 30.

If **Closer Than We Appear** receives one of the highest eight scores, determined by the public vote and a panel of music judges, the **Scituate Music Department will receive up to \$5,000** and the band will be invited to perform live along with seven other bands as finalists at the SchoolJam USA finals. The finals will be held during the NAMM Show, one of the largest musical products exhibitions in the world, on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2011, in Downtown Disney located in Anaheim, Calif.

You have to register to vote (a pain but worth it) and create a logon and password. This is how they can prevent one person from stuffing the ballot box. Then cast your daily vote at:

<http://www.schooljamusa.com/bands/closer-than-we-appear>