



NORTH CAROLINA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MUSIC EDUCATION
AND THE NORTH CAROLINA ARTS EDUCATION LEADERSHIP COALITION

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Dear Administrator:

The North Carolina Music Educators Association has a mission to advance music education by promoting the understanding and making of music by all. With recent federal legislation enumerating music as a part of a well-rounded education in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), we are even more committed in helping our members to grow.

Annually, we sponsor a **Professional Development Conference** in Winston-Salem for our membership. We invite and encourage all of our members to be a part of this professional development experience and we join each member who desires to attend in requesting your **approval** and **permission** to attend the conference this November 11-14, 2017.

Our conference provides members with numerous professional development opportunities through hands on and performance sessions that include discussion and networking with other music educators from all over the North Carolina and the United States. The sessions will help expand teaching techniques, offer new ideas and knowledge to better educate the students at your school, and provide information on how to dig deeper into the teaching of the North Carolina Essential Standards for Music Education in lessons taught each day.

We know how critical it is for teachers in singleton courses, like music, to have opportunities to develop in a Professional Learning Community. All too often our members are alone in their content area at their school. We also know how much you value every single faculty member at your school. Providing the opportunity for your music teacher to grow in their ability to facilitate quality and innovative instruction to your music students underscores your commitment to their growth.

Early Online registration for our conference begins August 28 and continues through October 15. Online and Onsite Registration begins October 16 and continues through the conference start date. Registration fees are (Early/Onsite) Active Members: \$90/\$120, Introductory Members: \$55/\$75. (An Introductory Member is a first year teacher immediately following their collegiate member year.)

Teachers who have attended in our Professional Development Conference in the past highlight these experiences:

- Having time for networking with other seasoned educators from across the state and country
- The ability to earn professional development hours and/or continuing education licensure renewal credits
- The ability to obtain fresh new creative ideas and techniques to share with the students and teachers throughout their school and district
- The opportunity to evaluate educational resources, products, and materials from vendors before purchasing them

We thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to consider the approval of your staff member attending this outstanding professional development opportunity. We also hope that your approval will be joined with any resources available in assisting with the registration, housing, or travel costs associated with attending this experience.

With much respect for all that you do and the support that you offer to your school music program!

James G. Daugherty, President
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