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Dear Band Directors of North Carolina,

As most of you have heard by now, Governor Roy Cooper has determined schools will not resume on-campus classes until at least May 15, 2020. While I have tried to remain optimistic and hopeful through all of this, we now have no choice but to cancel our All-State Honors Band. I want to offer my sincere apologies and regrets to each of you and your students.

Your NCBA Executive Board will meet some time during the original All-State Band weekend via Zoom. My plan is to meet with them and hopefully handle any minor issues that they have the authority to handle. If major decisions need to be made by an entire state vote, we will postpone those until November. After we meet, I will send out all pertinent information via email and share the minutes with you as well.

I pray you all stay safe through this time and I wish you all the best in this new type of teaching. Everyone is celebrating how resilient and creative teachers have been so far, but I believe band directors are among the best at resiliency and creativity. Now's our time to prove this to all those around us.

Sincerely,

Jason M. Barclift, President
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