



North Carolina Music Educators Association  
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Dear Administrator:

The mission of the North Carolina Music Educators Association is to advance music education by promoting the understanding and making of music by all. With federal legislation enumerating music as a part of a well-rounded education in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), we are committed to providing professional development opportunities for our members that will help them grow as educators.

Annually, we host a **Professional Development Conference** in Winston-Salem. We 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 8-11, 2025**.

Our conference provides members with professional development opportunities that include sessions, discussions and networking with other music educators from all over North Carolina and the United States. Sessions are designed to help expand teaching techniques and offer new ideas and knowledge to better understand the North Carolina Essential Standards for Music Education.

We know how critical it is for teachers in single-area 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. Supporting and/or 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.

[Online conference registration](#) is open now. Registration fees are as follows: (Early/Onsite) Active Members: \$150/\$175, Introductory Members: \$75/\$85. (An Introductory Member is a first-year teacher immediately following their collegiate member year.)

We are inviting new teachers to participate in our mentoring program breakfast session on Sunday, November 9, 2025. Contact Carol Earnhardt at [mentoring\\_program@ncmea.net](mailto:mentoring_program@ncmea.net) for more information.

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 statewide professional development experience.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Butler".

Catherine Butler, President

