

Music Education and School Reopening Plans

NH Music Education Coalition

In light of the recent need for stronger advocacy for music education in the State of New Hampshire, we've formed the NH Music Education Coalition. This group consists of one representative from each of our four major music education organizations across the state: NHMEA, NHACDA, NHBDA and NHASTA, plus Sean Meagher, Advocacy Chair of NHMEA.

We have taken the liberty of drafting and sending a letter in strong support of music education to NH Superintendents and Building Leadership Teams, which can be accessed through the link below.

So, what's next?

Through this letter, we've laid the groundwork for you to begin the conversations in your buildings and districts around how music education can be preserved and/or reimaged in the time of COVID, and also how YOU are uniquely positioned to help. For example, music educators have the benefit of continuity of care for students, building relationships over years of study in programs. Music education provides social emotional learning opportunities for students, allowing them to safely express and process emotions through the study of music. Additionally, music educators can contribute meaningfully to any and all conversations and plans about technology, strategy, wellness, health, and more.

We encourage you to offer to serve on committees, discuss your concerns with your colleagues and administrators, and generally be a part of the conversation in each of your districts.

Also, we're here to help. So if you have specific concerns about your district, your position, advocacy support, or need help in any way, please send us a message at: nhmusicedcoalition@gmail.com.

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