



The Louisiana Music Educators Association

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Position Statement

LMEA believes that music education can and will be a part of the path forward for schools in Louisiana. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are many valid concerns regarding the safety of students and teachers. Likewise, our organization recognizes the budgetary impact created by the economic downturn.

Despite these challenges, we know that it is 100% possible to maintain school music programs at all grade levels in all schools while both adhering to safety guidelines and adjusting to budgetary realities.

While traditional face-to-face instruction is always preferable, virtual music instruction is both possible and sustainable in whatever manner required during these challenging times. Likewise, a hybrid of face-to-face and virtual instruction is a viable option.

Music can and will be an important part of the healing process in our schools. Music ensembles will have obstacles to overcome but performances do remain a very plausible and desirable part of the school and community environment.

Now is the time to move forward with innovation and determination to advance musical learning opportunities. Music educators will adapt to conditions. In so doing, we will develop new and exciting pathways towards continued student achievement.

Keep the healing power
of music
in our schools and communities.