

## The Louisiana Music Educators Association

2020-2021

Statement to Music Educators

You are LMEA. This association is a collection of dedicated, talented, and purposeful human beings bonded by the power of both music and education.

The final months of the 2019-2020 school year proved to be an extraordinary experience for all of us. So many were asked to do different things in different ways. We adjusted to conditions that were often unfamiliar and outside our traditional approach to instruction and management. Thank you for every sacrifice and pivot.

As we prepare to face the new challenges of 2020-2021, we must reaffirm that students and student achievement remain at the core of what we do. As always, the adult in the physical or virtual learning environment is the difference-maker. You are the key to the success of your music program. That will not change.

As an organization, we must continue to assist each other in as many ways as possible. Likewise, our unified commitment to excellence must not change while also providing a safe, engaging, and rewarding musical experience for all students. It is up to us to be leaders in the healing process for our students, programs, schools, and communities.

We are all performers in the ensemble of music education. We are professionals. When called upon to perform solo in our individual settings, we will shine. When asked to blend in to the ensemble, we will do what is needed to promote our collective success.

Our spirit is stronger than the challenge!