



The Louisiana Music Educators Association

2020-2021

Statement to School Leaders

LMEA would like to express appreciation and gratitude to school leaders throughout the state. The final months of the 2019-2020 school year proved to be an extraordinary experience for all of us. As is often the case, so much was placed on the shoulders of school and district administrators.

We want to assure you that music educators are preparing to face the new challenges of 2020-2021. While there is much that is unknown about how schools will operate, there is a great deal that music educators have learned since COVID-19 became a part of our vocabulary. LMEA is partnering with many national entities to study a wide array of safety and instructional practices that can be applied to our music programs.

Traditional face-to-face instruction is always preferable to us. But a pivot to virtual music instruction is possible in whatever degree required by these challenging times. Likewise, a hybrid of face-to-face and virtual instruction may emerge as the most workable approach. We will adjust. We will remain committed to excellence.

Music can and will be an important part of the healing process in our schools and communities. We look forward to working with you in preparation and planning for the reopening of schools. Music educators will adapt to conditions. In so doing, we will develop new and exciting pathways towards continued student achievement. We will do everything in our power to help our students, schools, and school leaders succeed!

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