



The Louisiana Music Educators Association

2020-2021

Statement to Students and Parents

LMEA would like to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to music students and their parents throughout the state. The final months of the 2019-2020 school year proved to be an extraordinary experience for all of us. So much was placed on your shoulders beyond the many things you have traditionally done. Thank you!

We want to assure you that music educators are preparing to face the new challenges of 2020-2021. Students and student achievement will remain at the core of what we do. Some of our traditional processes and practices may change in appearance. But our commitment to excellence will not change. We will do all that must be done to provide a safe, engaging and rewarding musical experience for all students.

LMEA is partnering with many national groups to study safety procedures and innovative instructional practices that can be applied to music learning and performance. We are also making contingency plans for the challenges the new school year may bring. While traditional face-to-face instruction is always preferable, virtual music instruction could be needed in certain situations. Likewise, a hybrid of face-to-face and virtual instruction may emerge.

Music can and will be an important part of the healing process in our schools and communities. We will remain in contact with you as we prepare for the reopening of schools. Together, we shall adapt to conditions. We will develop new and exciting pathways towards achievement for our students and our music programs.

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