

# FLORIDA ELEMENTARY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION



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Dear Administrators,

As President of the Florida Elementary Music Educators' Association, I would like to enlist your aid to help encourage the elementary teachers in your school or district to join our organization. This professional organization is the very heart of elementary music in our state. There are many benefits:

- Student participation in All-State and Regional ensembles
- Professional Development directly relevant to the elementary music classroom
- Scholarships and grants are awarded to applying members. These may be used for professional development or classroom materials.
- Networking Opportunities - The elementary music teacher is often the only person in their school who teaches music. This organization will provide a whole network of elementary music professionals from around the state.
- Annual Professional Development Conference –The Florida Music Education Association annual conference, the largest professional development event in the southeast for music educators, will include over 150 presentations, concerts, general sessions and special events. There will also be approximately 450 commercial exhibits displaying the latest music materials, supplies, equipment, textbooks, technology, and much more.

May I ask you to encourage your elementary music teachers to take advantage of this professional organization, encourage them to have students audition for All-State and Regional ensembles, and perhaps help them secure membership funds and/or leave time to attend the January conference? Please note that all presentations, workshops and events are 100% music education content that can be applied to instructional programs immediately upon return. There are sessions associated with the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, Florida's Common Core approach teacher evaluation, and special learners. It is indeed the largest and most relevant

music education professional development opportunity for teachers to impact student learning. I believe that membership to this organization is fundamentally professional for all elementary music educators in Florida and I hope you will help support this endeavor for the benefit of your teachers and students. For further information, please visit <http://www.femea.flmusiced.org> and please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you and best wishes for a wonderful school year.

Sincerely,

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