



# North Jersey School Music Association

## Region I of the New Jersey Music Educators Association

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Greetings to all of our colleagues! I hope your 2022-23 school year is off to a terrific start and you are renewed with energy. Our executive board met at the end of July for our annual summer meeting. All region events are scheduled to run as normal (pre-pandemic) and we are excited to be working on some new opportunities for both students and directors.

I would like to thank Katy Brodhead, Nick McGill and Caitlin Shroyer who served as board members and have moved on to other endeavors. Your dedication and expertise were valuable and will always be appreciated. It is my pleasure to welcome our newest board members Natalie Kerr (publicity/corresponding secretary) from Bloomfield Public Schools, Justin Louie (orchestra division chairperson) from Clifton Public Schools and Paulina Edel (orchestra division chairperson) from Wayne Public Schools. We look forward to working with them and being able to collaborate for many years to come. Although not a new board member, I would like to introduce Jordan Peters as our new Diversity & Inclusion chairperson. Jordan previously served as an orchestra division chairperson and he is very excited to hit the ground running in his new position. He already got a head start by presenting at the NJMEA Summer Conference IDEA session.

As we look ahead, our elementary music division has a great slate of PD planned. The first one will be coming up on Monday, October 10th featuring guest presenter Amy Abbott. You can still register for this event by using this link (<https://forms.gle/ahZ9t7rhaookh9AF8>). In addition to the fall workshop, the following are also scheduled:

Saturday, April 1: "It's Elementary, My Dear" workshop, co-sponsored with NJYC

Wednesday, May 31: Elementary Choral Celebration (morning and afternoon sessions offered)

None of our events run without many hands behind the scenes. We are always looking for volunteers with any level of experience to serve as site host, audition chair, manager and executive board member (just to name a few). If you want to be involved, we have a spot and will work alongside you throughout the entire process.

As mentioned earlier, we are planning to run a full slate of ensembles and festivals for the band, chorus and orchestra divisions. Thanks to the collaboration of our band and orchestra division, we are glad to welcome back the intermediate symphonic orchestra (including winds, brass & percussion). Our Diversity and Inclusion division is also excited to be hosting the first ever NJSMA Guitar Festival on May 13th.

Are you interested in conducting a region ensemble? Please fill out the form on our website. Once completed, it will be immediately sent to your respective division. Info regarding auditions for all ensembles will be posted as per our normal schedule and updates will be posted on the website. Please be aware that high school orchestra will be using symphonic repertoire and not the normal solo rotation. PDF versions are available in the high school orchestra section of the website.

We are actively trying to connect with the new teachers in our region and those who have not been active as an NJSMA member. If you are reading this or know someone, please have them reach out to our corresponding secretary ([publicity@njsma.org](mailto:publicity@njsma.org)) or fill out the contact form on our website. All relevant information about our region is on the website ([njsma.org](http://njsma.org)). The calendar section is up to date with all of our confirmed events as of this publication. Contact info for all executive board members/divisions is listed under the officers section. We are all here to help and are looking forward to another successful year.

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