



Need-To-Knows from the Advocacy Chair

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Greetings from the new Advocacy Chair on the MMEA Executive Board!

I will be sending advocacy updates to MMEA members and all music educators around the state of Maryland throughout the school year. If you want to call attention to an advocacy issue in your county or at your school, please contact me.

I hope you have a safe and successful start to the 2021-2022 school year!



Return to Music: Phase III Guidance and Resources

Looking for more details on keeping students safe *and* advocating for your program? Take a look at the updated guidance from NAFME and NFHS:

<https://nafme.org/my-classroom/nafme-and-nfhs-return-to-music-guidance-phase-iii-august-2021/>

Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona discusses the return to school



This interview from August 6th was discussed during the Advocacy Leadership Meeting this month. Does your school's reopening plan support music-making?



Arts Education in Maryland Schools

Do you know what AEMS has to offer to assist with sustaining programs in the context of COVID-19? Take a look at their resources, including the M:BRACE series, artlook® Maryland and financial resources:

<https://aems-edu.org/covid-19-educators/>



NAfME PUBLIC POLICY HUB

LEARN ABOUT THE PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES IMPACTING MUSIC EDUCATION.

What You Can Do- NAFME resources for students, parents, educators and other stakeholders to advocate for music education in the community:

<https://nafme.org/advocacy/what-you-can-do/>