

July 1, 2016
Superintendent's Office
Attn: Accounts Payable

To Whom It May Concern:

The New Hampshire Music Educators Association provides educational support services for the music teachers and students of the public and private school systems of New Hampshire. Some of these support services and performance venues are All-State and Jazz All-State Festivals, Elementary and Middle School Festivals, Large Group and Solo/Ensemble Festivals.

In order to provide these services and to fund activities for students and educational professionals, a School District Participation Fee is levied on each school district based upon enrollment as listed in the New Hampshire Department of Education Bureau of Data Management. NHMEA tabulates anticipated fees based on the figures reported to the NHDOE as of March 2015.

The general fee schedule for the 2016-17 school year is determined by the total school district population:

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| 1-500 students: \$75.00 | 3,501-4,500 students: \$175.00 |
| 501-2000 students: \$100.00 | 4,501-5,500 students: \$200.00 |
| 2,001-2,500 students: \$125.00 | 5,501-10,000 students: \$225.00 |
| 2,501-3,500 students: \$150.00 | 10,001+ students: \$250.00 |

In addition, each district wishing to participate must pay a fee determined by the student population in grades 9-12 of that district. The high school fee schedule is:

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| 1-150 students: \$100.00 | 1,001-1,500 students: \$200.00 |
| 151-300 students: \$125.00 | 1,501-2,000 students: \$250.00 |
| 301-600 students: \$150.00 | 2,001+ students: \$300.00 |
| 601-1,000 students: \$175.00 | |

Please add your general fee and your high school fee (if there is a 9-12 student population in your district) to determine your total School District Participation Fee for this school year. To save on postage, SAUs with multiple districts should have multiple invoices enclosed in this mailing. The music teachers in your district should be familiar with this fee and can answer questions about it. Additionally, answers to any fee questions may be sought at the NHMEA website, **www.nhmea.org** or by contacting me at statemanager@nhmea.org. Make checks payable to **New Hampshire Music Educators Association** and remit by October 1, 2016. The mailing address is:

New Hampshire Music Educators Association
P.O. Box 717
Stratham, NH 03885

Sincerely,
Eric Kobb
NHMEA Executive Director

New Hampshire Music Educators Association

A Division of the National Association for Music Education

Accompanying this letter is a request for payment of the 2016-2017 New Hampshire Music Educators Association School District Participation Fee.

Please note: In accordance with the wishes of the NH Superintendents Association, no student may participate in an NHMEA-sponsored event if their school has not paid the fee.

The following is an outline of some activities offered by NHMEA to your students and music educators.

- **STAFF DEVELOPMENT:** NHMEA sponsors workshops throughout the year, including a Spring Conference with beneficial information for all music teachers.
- **HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS:** NHMEA sponsors the Jazz All-State Music Festival*, All-State Music Festival*, All-Eastern Music Festival*, Solo & Ensemble Festival* and Large Group Festival* for individuals and performing groups from public and private high schools throughout the state.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS:** In addition to their own District Festivals*, and the Elementary/Middle School Sharing Festival*, junior high/middle school performing groups may also participate in the Solo & Ensemble and Large Group Festivals.
- **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EVENTS:** The Elementary/Middle School Sharing Festival* has grown over the past 10 years to meet the needs of an increasing number of younger performers. Elementary level students may also participate in the Solo & Ensemble Festival. This year will also see the debut of our Elementary Honors Choir and composition contest.

Other benefits for your music staff include: two general meetings a year, workshops with nationally recognized conductors and guest speakers, and our own professional publication, *NH Quarter Notes*, which is printed four times during the school year.

All students K-12 and their music teachers can benefit from participation in NHMEA events. Classroom teachers and administrators who are interested in music education are also welcomed at all workshops and activities. Upon payment of the fee, it is understood that the school and its students are entitled to attend all events and activities sponsored by NHMEA, beginning with Jazz All-State auditions in October.

* These events require an individual participation fee to help cover expenses such as judges' fees, custodial and nurse coverage, etc.