



South Carolina Music Educators Association
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SOUTH CAROLINA
MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Administrator:

The mission of the South Carolina Music Educators Association is to support and promote quality music education in South Carolina schools and communities. With federal legislation enumerating music as a part of a well- rounded education in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), we continue to be committed to providing professional development opportunities for our members that will help them grow as educators.

Annually, the SCMEA hosts a Professional Development Conference in Columbia. We encourage all of our members to be a part of this professional development experience and we join each member who desires to attend in requesting your approval to attend the conference this February 2-4, 2023. This year the SCMEA will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary and our conference promises to be bigger and better than ever!

Our conference provides members with professional development opportunities that include sessions, discussions and networking with other music educators from all over South Carolina and the United States. Sessions are designed to help expand teaching techniques and offer new ideas to better understand the South Carolina College and Career Ready Standards for Visual and Performing Arts.

We know how critical it is for teachers in single-area courses, like music, to have opportunities to develop in a Professional Learning Community. All too often our members are alone in their content area at their school. Supporting and/or providing the opportunity for your music teacher to grow in their ability to facilitate quality and innovative instruction to your music students underscores your commitment to their growth.

Online conference registration is open now!

Registration fees are as follows: (Early/Onsite) Active Members:\$100/\$160

We thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to consider the approval of your staff member attending this outstanding professional development opportunity. After several years of limited opportunities due to Covid, many of our music teachers have been unable to attend an in-person conference and participate in the “hands-on” that is required for so many musical techniques. We also hope that your approval will be joined with any resources available in assisting with the registration, housing, or travel costs associated with attending this state-wide professional development experience.

Thank you for all that you do and the support that you offer to your school music program!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joe Gullledge III'.

Joe Gullledge, President