



North Jersey School Music Association

Region I of the New Jersey Music Educators Association

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Dear NJSMA colleagues,

I hope that you and your families are healthy and well as we look to embark on a new and uncertain school year. The NJSMA Executive Board has been monitoring the ongoing pandemic throughout the summer as it relates to our Region ensembles for the 2020-2021 school year. After much deliberation, and with great regret, we have concluded that we must cancel all Region ensembles for this school year in order to ensure the safety of both our students and educators. Please note that NJMEA made a similar announcement regarding All-State ensembles earlier this week via a Tempo Express email communication.

The NJSMA Executive Board will look to provide resources and other opportunities for our members throughout this school year. For example, we've added a COVID-19 Resources page on our website (www.njsma.com). This page includes a list of information that may help you to navigate the many challenges we face this year. This list is continually updated to include new information as it becomes available.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Best of luck for a safe, healthy, and musical year!

Sincerely,

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