Greetings Region I Colleagues,

Welcome back! As the new school year begins, I hope you all had a wonderful and refreshing summer. I hope you were able to enjoy some well-deserved downtime and I hope that you're returning with renewed energy and inspiration.

This school year holds exciting opportunities for us all. Music plays such an important part of our students' growth and the impact you have on their lives is simply amazing. I am truly honored to be part of such an exceptional community of music educators.

As we look ahead to the year, I'd also like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in becoming more involved in our Region activities. We are currently seeking a volunteer to join our Executive Board as the Orchestra Co-Chair. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to our organization in a meaningful way, and you don't need to be an orchestra director to apply. We welcome anyone with a passion for music education who is looking to join our dedicated team.

If we cannot find someone to Co -Chair the Orchestra division, NJSMA may have to reduce/cancel some orchestra division events for this school year.

If you're interested in this role or would like more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at president@njsma.org. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated, and I'm confident that together we can continue to make a positive impact on our students' lives.

I wish you all the best for a successful and rewarding school year ahead. Thank you for your commitment to music education and for being an essential part of our Region I family.

All the best,

Anthony Lanzerotti, Jr. President, North Jersey School Music Association