



# KNOCKING IT OUT OF THE P.A.R.K.



## IN THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

*Happy Spring Elementary Educators!*

April/May 2024

Hi Elementary Music Educators! We are busy buzzing behind the scenes within our division and our organization as a whole. Your Elementary Leadership Team is already working to ensure a fabulous 2024-25 membership year. Our President-Elect, Tab Keeton has been busy alongside our awesome fall workshop site chairs. I cannot wait for her to share all that's in store for next school year. More NEWS: MMEA is bringing back the MS Music Educators Journal. I am so pumped about this! Our Elementary Handbook was also voted into policy by our membership. I could not be more excited to leave our division with a governing document. It is officially on the MMEA Website. Please check it out at your leisure.



**Princess Thompson,  
MMEA Elementary President**



## Congratulations



### **Incoming MMEA Elementary President-Elect**

Congratulations to Jennifer Timidaiski on being voted Incoming President-Elect in the Elementary Division of MMEA. She currently teaches PreK-5th Grade at Longleaf Elementary in Hattiesburg and has been teaching elementary music for 11 years. She currently serves as the social media advisor for MMEA and is on the Board of Directors. She served as the Middle School Division District VIII site chair from 2009 to 2010. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education and a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from The University of Southern Mississippi. She also recently received her National Board Certification in Early/Middle Childhood Music.



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## MDE Advocacy Opportunity

### Call for Reviewers: Arts Instructional Materials Adoption for Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts/Media Arts

The Mississippi Department of Education defines High-Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) as materials that are aligned to the Mississippi College and Career-Readiness Standards, externally validated, comprehensive, and include engaging texts (books, multimedia, etc.), problems, and assessments. The Offices of Elementary Education and Reading, Secondary Education, and Instructional Materials and Library Services are seeking qualified individuals to serve as reviewers for the 2024-2025 Textbook Adoption process.

For individuals interested in applying to serve as a reviewer, please complete this **APPLICATION** by Monday, April 15, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Any applications received after this deadline will not be reviewed. For more information about HQIM, please visit the High-Quality Instructional Materials <https://msinstructionalmaterials.org>.

Questions regarding the review process should be directed to:

Elizabeth Simmons, Director of Instructional Materials and Library Services at [esimmons@mdek12.org](mailto:esimmons@mdek12.org)



## Great NEWS from Incoming MMEA President Andy Beasley

We are so excited to be bringing back the MS Music Educator Journal! This will be a joint MMEA/ACDA venture.

I need your help! Please start sharing this document with your people. We plan for the first issue to be in the Fall of 2024, so the deadline for ads, articles, announcements, etc. is June 15th.

There will be an option to purchase a subscription for a PRINTED version of the journal. We will send the digital version to our MMEA and ACDA members for free.

Please let me know if you know of any advertisers or people who are looking to publish articles.

For article submissions, please use this link:  
[MS Music Educator Journal - Article Submissions](#)  
Please let me know if you have any questions.  
Thank you for your help!  
Andy

Details about advertisement and printed copy fees are attached in the email.

## Save the Dates

**September 25-27, 2024**  
**Elementary Division Fall Workshops**  
Northern (25th), Central (26th), and  
Southern (27th)

**January 23-25, 2025**  
**MSMEA State Conference**  
**University of Southern Mississippi**

**Wow! It's un "beelievable" that we are officially in the last 9 weeks of school. Let's finish strong. Wishing you an amazing end to your school year.**



*Princess Thompson*

**MMEA Elementary Division President**

