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Dear Administrator,

The mission of the Mississippi Music Educators Association (MMEA) is to promote music teaching and learning in schools and communities in the state of Mississippi. With federal legislation enumerating music as a part of a well rounded education in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) or Mississippi Succeeds, we are committed to providing professional development opportunities for our members that will help them grow as educators.

Annually we host the **MMEA/ACDA State Conference** in Hattiesburg. We encourage all our members to be a part of this professional development. We join together with each member who desires to attend in requesting your approval and permission to attend the conference this **November 16-18 at the University of Southern Mississippi.**

Our conference provides members with professional development opportunities that include sessions, discussion, and networking with other music educators from all over the State of Mississippi, nationally and internationally. Sessions are designed to help expand teaching techniques and offer new ideas and knowledge to better understand the Mississippi and National Standards for Music Education. The conference also offers teachers the opportunity to earn Continuing Education Units (CEU) that are specific to the teaching subject.

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 for your students underscores your commitment to their growth.

Registration fees are as follows: Early Active Members: \$140.00; Early Non-Members \$236.00; Late Active Members \$180.00; Late Non-members \$268.00. Registration can be completed online at websites listed below.

We appreciate your taking time from your busy schedule to consider the approval of your staff member attending this year's MMEA/ACDA State Conference. We also hope that this approval will be joined with any resources available in assisting with registration, lodging, or travel costs associated with attending this statewide professional development experience.

With the greatest respect for all that you do and the support you offer your music program.

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