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## Zone 2 News

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Happy March, Zone 2! There are so many things going on from now until the end of the year. Please make some time for yourself in your busy professional and personal lives. Balance is the key.

This past weekend was the March NYSSMA Executive council meeting, concluding with the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Joseph R. Sugar NYSSMA Day in Albany. It was the goal of the Zone 2 contingent to meet with as many area legislators as possible. Our message from NYSSMA consisted of the following statement: **The music education of all students, pre-K-12, must include high quality, comprehensive, sequential Music Education taught by a certified Music teacher. ESSA designates Music as a stand-alone subject in every student's "well rounded education"**. Supporting this statement, we highlighted by the following four bullets:

1. Letting legislators know how that NYSSMA was an integral part of the writing team for NY State Every Student Succeeds Act Plan and the new Standards for the Arts.
2. Asking legislators to use their influence with the State Education Department to fill the Music Curriculum Associate position that has been unfilled for over the past 6 years. Additionally, filling the Art Curriculum Associate position that will be vacated next month due to retirement.
3. Making legislators aware that the Governor's budget proposal for 2018 includes a 2% cap on BOCES reimbursements. NYSSMA feels that music would be negatively impacted by this proposed cap
4. Asking the legislators to support Assembly Bill A09638 / Senate Bill S7643. The bill establishes a license plate and fund in support of music education.


You may find more information here: <https://www.nyssma.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/AlbanyInformationPack.pdf>

We also distributed this information to our elected officials:

## NYSSMA® Zone 2

Representing the counties of:

Genesee	Orleans
Livingston	Seneca
Monroe	Wayne
Ontario	Wyoming



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### Zone 2 facts

- 301 students (grades 7-9) accepted to participate in Junior High Area All-State (hosted by Brighton Central Schools)
- 406 students (grades 10-12) accepted to participate in Senior High Area All-State (hosted by Batavia City Schools)
- 81 Students (grades 11-12) were accepted into Conference All-State ensembles during the annual NYSSMA Winter Conference (held in Rochester). This represents 10% of all students selected throughout the state.
- Within Zone 2, six county music education associations sponsor festivals which service music students from more than 70 school districts.
- There are 9 solo / ensemble evaluations (“solo fest”) held throughout the spring. Students choose to participate and choose to be evaluated and assessed.
- NYSSMA is supporting the roll-out of the 2017 P-12 Learning Standards for the Arts to the teachers of Zone 2.

Please consider personally reaching out to your legislators to have your voice heard! Let your elected officials know that you support these bullets. A simple email, letter or phone call is all it takes.

Here are some other important points from the meeting that I would like to highlight:

NYSSMA (the New York State School Music Association) and NAfME (National Association for Music Education) are our professional associations. Lawyers are expected to become members of the bar association, doctors the American medical association and Music Educators NYSSMA/NAfME. The cost for this professional membership is \$2.75 per week. Our association represents all music teachers striving to foster the statement: **The music education of all students, pre-K-12, must include high quality, comprehensive, sequential Music Education taught by a certified Music teacher. ESSA designates Music as a stand-alone subject in every student’s “well rounded education”.**


### **Please consider renewing / joining today**


*NAfME and NYSSMA® are a combined membership. When you join one, you belong to both. Only 1/3 of the dues you pay to NAfME/NYSSMA is allocated to NYSSMA and supports all of the activities listed below. The remaining 2/3 portion of the dues is for NAfME activities and programs.*


Did you know that the NYSSMA Technology committee provides support? If you have music technology questions, please consider filling out this form and one of the committee members will get back to you. <https://goo.gl/vTqAQp>

Are you interested in presenting at the 2018 NYSSMA Winter Conference? Session proposals are due by March 15! Please submit this form with your winter conference proposal: <https://www.nyssma.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/WC-Session-Request-Form-2018.1-copy2.pdf>

## Spring Festival Season is here!

 A reminder that June 30th will be the deadline for registering students for Area All-State festivals. The 2017-2018 teacher should register the student. Current 6-8 grade students are eligible for Junior high AAS and 9-11 grade students are eligible for Senior high AAS. All students should be registered at [solochair.com](http://solochair.com) for the festivals. It is then the teacher's responsibility to PRINT the form from [solochair.com](http://solochair.com) and mail to the festival host (along with a copy of the Spring 2018 NYSSMA evaluation form). Please make sure the forms go to the correct host!

 Registering students for Conference All-State is a two-step process. The all-state form must be completed - located on the NYSSMA website ([www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org)). Students must also be registered for the solo festival through [solochair.com](http://solochair.com). **All-State applications MUST be sent to the festival host a minimum of 6-weeks prior to the festival!**

 When entering student names (either [nyssma.org](http://nyssma.org) or [solochair.com](http://solochair.com)) please enter the student's name the way that it should appear on a program.

### Dates, Dates, Dates:

Spring festival dates are posted on the Zone 2 website -

<https://www.nyssma.org/membership/zone-maps/zone-2/>

**Reminder there is now a limit of 30 students per accompanist per All-State festival. Any more than that will be denied by the festival host.**

**Weekday festivals are open to anyone performing regular Solos and Ensembles.**

## **Professional Development Opportunities:**

### **1. Adding the "A-Team" to a STEM Curriculum - March 23**

Please note the attached flyer (link below) for: Adding the "A-Team" to a STEM Curriculum

LuAnn Hayes, AOSA National Board of Trustee and PD presenter is coming to Webster to share this exciting topic. Monroe #1 BOCES is coordinating the paperwork through My Learning Plan and we are hosting at Spry Middle School.

Target audience is Elementary. We would love to have your teachers attend on March 23.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ap7RC1J\\_bTouZNDENrWN5-HnkYNZOKEUR\\_MPVbcGP\\_A/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ap7RC1J_bTouZNDENrWN5-HnkYNZOKEUR_MPVbcGP_A/edit)

### **2. Kodály Workshop - April 20 (see attachment):**

Kodály Workshop scheduled at Monroe 2 BOCES on Friday, April 20, 2018. The workshop runs from 8:30 AM- 3:30 PM. The cost is \$125.00. The presenters will be the instructors for the upcoming Kodály Level I course at Nazareth College this summer.

<https://www.mylearningplan.com/WebReg/ActivityProfile.asp?D=18636&I=2646928>

## **What's happening around the Zone?**

Do you have information to share? [Please send it to me!](#)

## **Finally .....**

Let's share music ideas! Want to know what literature others are working on?

**[Check this out \(and please fill it in!\)](#)**