Editor’s Notes

January-February Notes

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RETIRING NYSSMA® CHAPERONES:
RON & CATHY SUTHERLAND & PEG & DAVE DUNBAR!

It is rare to find NYSSMA® members who year after year (for more than 35+ years and for thousands and thousands of student musicians) have given so much of their time and expertise to ensure the safety and well-being of our NYSSMA® All-State musicians. NYSSMA® honors the incredible dedication and commitment of Ron and Cathy Sutherland (NYSSMA® Head Chaperones) and Peg and Dave Dunbar for all they have done for NYSSMA® for so many years! Thank you for being an integral part of the NYSSMA® All-State experience for so many years and best wishes in your retirement (we expect to see you so don’t be strangers)!

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L to R: Dave & Peg Dunbar - NYSSMA® President Michael Salzman - Ron & Cathy Sutherland

MIOSM® 2020 COMING NEXT MONTH!

March 2020 marks the 35th observance of national Music In Our Schools Month® (MIOSM®) – an initiative that began first right here here in New York State back in the 1970s! NAfME’s 2020 theme for MIOSM® is “Music Changes Lives.” To get started on celebrating MIOSM® in your school be sure to visit NAfME’s website for information on sourcing official MIOSM® posters, pencils, buttons, and more.

47th ANNUAL JOSEPH R. SUGAR NYSSMA® DAY IN ALBANY

It’s that time again and we hope that you will join NYSSMA® leadership in Albany on Monday, March 2nd, 2020 as we visit with our NYS Legislators in support of music education. Here is the schedule for next month’s JOSEPH R. SUGAR DAY NYSSMA® DAY IN ALBANY from NYSSMA® GRC Chairperson, Alan Orloff:

TO: NYSSMA® Members attending the Joseph R. Sugar NYSSMA® Day in Albany – March 2, 2020
FROM: Alan Orloff, GRC Chairperson
RE: Schedule - 47th Annual Joseph R. Sugar NYSSMA® Day in Albany

THE SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020 AS FOLLOWS:

8:30am
Arrive at the Empire State Plaza - Park in the visitor parking area

9:00am - 9:30am
Orientation Meeting - Meeting Room 6

9:30am - 11:30am
Visits with Legislators. Remind the legislators of the 11:30am concert in the South Gallery of the Empire State Plaza and the evening reception in Meeting Room 6. Let each legislator know if any student constituents are performing and invite them to have a photo taken during the evening reception.

11:30am
CONCERT: All-State Instrumental and Vocal Jazz Ensembles. Performances are held in the South Concourse of the Capitol’s Empire State Plaza.

1:00pm - 2:00pm
Lunch, Meeting Room 6. NYSSMA® members may invite their legislators to meet them in Room 6 for lunch and informal discussions. Please allow the legislators to get their lunch as quickly as possible as they have afternoon sessions. While only legislators may be invited to lunch, all legislators and staff are invited to the evening reception.

1:30pm - 3:00pm
NYSCAME meeting in Meeting Room 7, behind the Egg

2:00pm - 5:00pm
Continued legislative visits. Remind legislator of the evening reception.

3:00pm - 5:00pm
County Presidents’ Meeting, Meeting Room 7 behind the Egg

4:45pm
Meet in Meeting Room 6 to prepare for reception.

5:00pm - 7:00pm
Empire State Plaza Concert and Reception - All State Jazz Ensembles

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“In addition to giving our children the science and math skills they need to compete in the new global context, we should also encourage the ability to think creatively that comes from a meaningful arts education. The future belongs to young people with an education and the imagination to create.”

– Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States