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## **NYSSMA Statement on the Resignation of Interim Education Commissioner Shannon Tahoe**

Westbury, NY – July 27, 2020 - On behalf of the two million students across New York State who receive a quality, sequential music education, it is the hope of the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) that the Board of Regents selects a permanent successor to Interim New York Education Commissioner Shannon Tahoe based on sound educational credentials with teaching and administrative experience.

The students of New York State deserve to have an educational leader in Albany with an interest in educating the whole child as stated in the federal [Every Student Succeeds Act](#) of 2015.

In the midst of a pandemic – unheard of in modern times - music and the arts all contribute to a well-rounded child who, research shows, will be more successful in school regardless of his or her socio-economic status.

NYSSMA stands ready and willing to support and advise the Board of Regents in their search for a new Commissioner of Education.

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