FEATURE

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An Invitation to Write for School Music News

YSSMA's *School Music News* typically highlights articles that cover content broad enough to appeal to our diverse readership. From time to time, we publish unsolicited material that focuses on particular disciplines or subjects within the field of music education. We prefer to allow our NYSSMA® *School Music News* Review Editors to write articles in their specific areas before considering unsolicited material, but all appropriate submissions are most welcome and receive fair consideration.

All submissions must be:

- concise.
- easily understood, avoiding jargon/slang and unnecessarily complicated terminology.
- free of errors in grammar, punctuation, and spelling.
- appropriate in subject and professional in tone and tact.
- stylistically consistent, in a clean, readable writing style and format.

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School Music News welcomes the submission of original photos, diagrams/charts, and graphics to accompany articles. These can be full color or black/white. All images must be of the highest resolution, sent as .jpg, .tiff, .png or .pdf files.

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- The length of an article should be approximately 800 to 1000 words, double-spaced.
- Articles must be sent by email in a Microsoft Word file. Save the article as a normal Word file and please do not format.
- Articles should be sent to the editor (see email address below) with a cover letter.
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- There is no financial remuneration for publication of any article.
- Authors are responsible for the complete accuracy of the material they submit for publication. NYSSMA® cannot accept responsibility for inaccurate or false information.

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