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Association

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Dear Administrator:

It has been a longstanding mission of the South Carolina Music Educators' Association to support and promote quality music education in South Carolina schools and communities. It is vital that we continue to be committed to providing professional development opportunities for our members that will help them grow as educators just as we work together to develop the well-rounded student through a comprehensive education. Our teachers must remain life-long learners to keep pace with the ever-evolving and ever-changing world of music education. With the teacher shortage growing each year, this type of content specific professional development has become more important than ever to support and energize our music educators from the first-year teacher to the seasoned veteran.

The annual Professional Development Conference is hosted by the SCMEA in Columbia. We encourage all of our members to be a part of this professional development opportunity and join each member in requesting your approval for their attendance at this year's conference on February 6-8, 2025. This SCMEA conference helps provide members with a variety of professional development opportunities such as sessions, discussions, and networking with music educators from across South Carolina as well as the United States. This year we would also like to invite you - our supportive administrators - to join us as well so you can get an inside look at the professional development opportunities that are so important to your music teachers in your schools and perhaps get a better understanding of the world of music education.

The 2025 conference includes sessions designed to help teachers with new and exciting curricula and methodologies, new and seasoned teacher support and survival skills, and promoting and enhancing future teacher education at the collegiate level as we look to the future of music education and ensuring equity in all of our music programs across the state. We are also excited to present stellar performances by music ensembles from several of our South Carolina schools along with our wonderful Elementary Honor Choir performance.

Relevant professional development has always been a top goal for many administrators and providing that support and an opportunity for teachers to attend these events shows your commitment to their growth and to the support for their programs. We appreciate all you do and the encouragement you provide your school's music programs! And, again, please come join us. We will make it worth your while.

Online conference registration is open now! Registration fees are as follows: Active Members (Early - \$100/Onsite - \$160) **Administrators can attend for FREE.** Email Ryan Tinker at rtinker@scmea.net for registration details.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration in approving your music teachers' attendance at this wonderful professional development opportunity. We are excited to have this in-person conference experience that allows face-to-face conversations and "hands-on" training to advance the accessibility and growth of music education and keep our teachers on the cutting edge of music education for tomorrow.

Respectfully,

Colleen L. Marcou, SCMEA President