Dear Administrator:

The Minnesota Music Educators Association hosts the MMEA Midwinter Clinic, February 11-13, 2021. Our professional development conference features national, regional, and state experts to support the needs of every music educator – including those in your building.

In these difficult times, you are focused on success for your students and teachers more than ever. We’re writing today to share with you how attendance at the MMEA Midwinter Clinic can further your building and district goals while giving music teachers techniques and tools to implement in their instruction and classroom.

The MMEA Midwinter Clinic is a unique annual event where teachers exchange ideas and connect with others in the profession. The networking opportunities at an event like MMEA are unparalleled and especially important for young teachers and music educators serving small schools and districts (some of whom are the only music specialist in their building!).

Help a music educator attend the Clinic by covering their registration fee or funding a sub. Widen the impact by asking your educator to share what they learned in subject-area or building-level PLCs. Sending your band, choir, orchestra, and general music teachers to the MMEA Midwinter Clinic is truly an investment in your building and your students. This investment pays dividends throughout the rest of the year (and for many years to come)!

Engaging Community; Under-represented Voices (support cultural competence!)  
Featured sessions from Native American tribal members – Lyz Jaakola (Nitaa-Nagamokwe), Revitalizing Indigenous North American hand drumming, Indigenous Perspective on the Arts Standards, Integrating folk songs from students’ culture and communities; Music of all Communities, underrepresented voices, and more.

Transition to new Arts Academic Standards/Assessment (prepare for required implementation in 2021-2022 school year)  
Sessions covering implementation of updated Arts & Music Standards; Assessing Engagement in Ensembles; Assessment in Choral Classroom; Making Assessments Visible
Trauma-Informed/Cultural Competence *(help your staff with their PD re-licensure goals!)*
Professional development sessions on topics such as Trauma-Informed Approaches in content areas; Mindful Approach to Culturally Responsive Teaching; Success in High-Poverty Schools

Serving Students w/Special Needs/Differentiation *(support PD re-licensure requirements!)*
Many topics in the areas of Inclusion, Adaptation with Authenticity; Successful Inclusion of Students with Disabilities; Power of Choice – Preferred Music in Secondary Special Ed; Students with Tourettes; Differentiated and Data-Driven Instruction

Career & Technical Learning in Music *(support career readiness and workforce goals!)*
Teachers will be able to learn more about areas in the arts with projected job growth!
Sessions on Sound Production, GarageBand tool, Audio Engineering, Audio Technology, and more.

Simply stated, there is no other time or place for Minnesota music education like the MMEA Midwinter Clinic. Not only do more than 1,200 band, choir, orchestra, and general music educators come together, but they do so in combination with composers, music publishers, instrument manufacturers, and virtuoso solo performers, and national headliners who host a nearly endless list of sessions, concerts, and meetings.

Let’s get your music educator(s) to MMEA Midwinter Clinic 2021. Registration is now open. Your music specialists will thank you. And, more importantly, so will your students, parents, and community.

Should you have any questions about the event, contact the MMEA office at info@mmea.org. Or simply talk to the music teacher in your building!

Regards,
Tonya Barnes, Bradley Mariska, and Brianna McDonough, Interim Executive Committee
Kristin Chase and Peter Guenther, MMEA Midwinter Clinic Co-Chairs

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