



Dear Administrator:

We are excited to let you know about the Minnesota Music Educators Association (MMEA) annual Midwinter Convention (MWC). This year is from February 15-17, 2024. Our professional development convention features renowned clinicians from across the country to support the needs of every music educator. Your music educators' attendance at the MWC can support your building and district goals while giving your educators opportunities in current research, culturally sustaining strategies, contemporary music-making practices, and a critical reinvigoration of energy and pedagogical strategies.

Can you help your music educators attend the MWC by providing professional leave and perhaps covering their registration fee? Sending your music educators to the MMEA Midwinter Convention is truly an investment in your building and your students.

Sessions will include, but are not limited to, important topics such as:

- the uplift and amplification of underrepresented voices, meaningful inclusion, and strategies for developing culturally sustaining dispositions and curricula.
- sessions that help meet MN licensure requirements including Key Warning Signs of Mental Illness and Suicide Prevention – Best Practices in Children and Youth and Strategies to Empower English Language Learners in the Music Classroom
- Music Performances by students from around the state – from rural, to suburban, to urban settings.
- and SO MUCH MORE: See the schedule of offerings [HERE](#).

Simply stated, there is no other time or place for Minnesota music education like the MMEA Midwinter Convention. Not only do more than 1,200 music educators come together for sessions, concerts, and meetings, but they do so in combination with composers, music publishers, instrument manufacturers, performers, non-profit partners, and national headliners.

Please support your music educator(s) by supporting their attendance at the Midwinter Convention. Your music educators will be so thankful, and their learning and reinvigoration will have a positive impact on all of the students they teach and your school community. Registration is now open, and you can read more about MWC at <https://mmea.org/events/midwinter-convention/>

Should you have any questions about the event, contact the MMEA office at info@mmea.org. We are here to support MN's music educators in any way that we are able.

Regards,

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