Keeping Music Education Strong:
Updates on Back-to-School Protocols, Funding Realities and Advocacy Response

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What Will We Cover

• Education Funding: State Education Funding and Potential Impact on Curriculum Offerings
• Blueprint for School Reopening
• Potential for Congressional Response to Education Funding Realities, and Advocacy for Same
• Professional Response for Music Education and “Call for Innovation”
• Example of Advocacy in Action: New Jersey
• Calls to Action: “Mobilizing for Student-centered Advocacy”
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COVID-19

Education Reopening and Funding
COVID-19 and Ed Policy

• Remote Learning
• Waivers for Assessments and Instructional Time
• Teacher Preparation and Evaluation
• Finance
• Student Health and and Wellness
Continued and Future Learning

- School Re-opening Plans
- School operations
- Whole child supports
- School personnel
- Academics
- Distance learning

Source: American Enterprise Institute
State Examples

- Colorado
  - School district needs inventory for future learning

- Montana
  - School re-entry and recovery guidance

- Utah
  - Phases to recovery
22 States Enacted COVID-19 Related Education Bills
State Revenue

Preliminary Estimated General Fund Revenue Declines in Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021

FY 2020: 11% ($612 million)  
FY 2021: 15% ($815 million)

FY 2020: 3% ($451 million)  
FY 2021: 18% ($2.4 billion)

FY 2020: 13-15% ($3.8 – 4.5 billion)  
FY 2021: 14-23% ($4.2 – 7.2 billion)

FY 2020: 5% ($507 million)  
FY 2021: 6% ($643 million)

Source: CBPP
State Budgets

• Preliminary estimates are showing drops between 10% and 20%
  • A 10% decrease would see a reduction of over $21 billion for public schools
  • A 20% decrease would see a reduction of over $57 billion for public schools

• The 2021-22 budgets will likely have larger drops.
  • Due to income tax effects

• States beginning to implement budget cuts and provide flexibility in school spending

Source: Learning Policy Institute
State Examples

• Colorado
  • Gov. Polis announced several budget cuts including Educator Loan Forgiveness Fund, Colorado Second Chance Scholarship, teaching fellowship stipends and teacher mentor grant program.

• Montana
  • Published guidance for allocation of CARES Act funds including preliminary estimates of how funds will be allocated to individual schools.

• North Carolina
  • Announced a new $50 million flexible allotment for public schools to address COVID-19 related expenses with additional flexibilities for districts to use existing allocations.
Important Resources


• Arts Education Partnership COVID-19 Resource page: https://www.aep-arts.org/covid-19-resources/
Potential for Congressional Response to Funding Realities, and Advocacy for Same

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Minority Leader  
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Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Majority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of chief state school officers and state boards of education, we write to convey deep appreciation for the assistance to education that Congress has provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. As our nation grapples with the extraordinary impact on students, educators, and communities, continued bipartisan efforts will be essential to rapidly addressing the needs of our students. State leaders have acted swiftly to respond to the great challenges posed by the pandemic and consequent school closures, but the costs have placed tremendous strain on education budgets. The immediacy of the need drives our request for additional resources to address the urgent and expanding learning and economic disparities facing school districts across the nation.

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Advocacy Moving Forward

Where do we go from here?
Advocacy Moving Forward

• Music is part of a ‘well-rounded education’ defined by federal law. This doesn’t mandate music in any school, but it helps provide additional legitimacy to the academic nature of music education.

• “One of the best forms of preventative advocacy is a strong, vital, quality music education program.”

• Is music education being included in distance learning?

• Actively communicate with administrators and parents.
Returning to school

• Will Social Distancing Measures remain in place?
  • Staggered days
  • Staggered start times
  • Limitations on number of students in one room together

• Impact on ensembles?
  • How are you thinking creatively? (Chamber music? Multiple rooms for music?)
  • What might be public health concerns?
  • How will you continue to provide an active, standards-based music program for your students?

• Do you have models to share? Please let us know.
Support for your return to school

Music Education and Social Emotional Learning

What Is Social Emotional Learning?

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) describes the development of skills in three domains: self-awareness, self-management, and responsible decision-making.

- "Self" includes:
  - self-awareness skills such as the ability to identify and recognize emotions
  - self-management skills such as perseverance and the ability to manage impulse control

- "Others" includes:
  - relationship skills such as cooperation, empathy, and responsible communication
  - social awareness skills such as the ability to recognize diverse thoughts and opinions

Combined, the above skills support responsible decision-making.

"Responsible Decision-Making" includes:

- Behavioral skills such as situation analysis, metacognition, and generating alternative actions
- Cooperative skills such as balancing personal and group expectations

Bibliography


For more information, visit refes.org

How are music educators well-suited to help students develop socially and emotionally?

- Music educators often work with the same students over multiple years, positioning them well to positively impact students' individual social and emotional development.
- The music room provides a nurturing environment where students can express their emotions and connect with others.
- Music education can provide opportunities for students to practice self-awareness, self-management, and responsible decision-making.

What does research tell us?

- Empathy Awareness: Compared to other students, those with high arts engagement, including music, exhibit higher levels of self-awareness in how they value themselves, their abilities, and their achievements. Specifically, active music education experiences seem to correlate with increases of empathy.
- Self-Management: Success in music depends on managing performance anxiety, as evidenced by the ability to self-monitor and refocus and delay gratification in the pursuit of mastery. Improved self-management often translates to improved performance and self-evaluation. These findings suggest that music education can improve self-management skills.
- Social Awareness: Music education promotes social awareness, as reflected in group settings and positively impacting students' social and emotional wellbeing.

How can public policy support music education and Social Emotional Learning?

Schools can...

- Incorporate music education into the curriculum to promote social emotional learning.
- Support professional development for music educators to enhance social emotional learning skills.

States can...

- Promote policies that recognize the value of music education, including inclusion in state standards and assessments.
- Ensure that music education is included in the school day, providing opportunities for students to engage in self-expression and social interaction.

Congress can...

- Fund programs that support music education through the Arts Education Program, which supports the arts in education, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which provides funding for arts education programs.
- Promote policies that ensure access to music education for all students, including those in underserved communities.

Music education is a powerful tool in promoting student well-being and social emotional development.
Support for your return to school

The National Association for Music Education, NAMM Foundation, CMA Foundation and other music education organizations are working with our national arts education partners on a unified statement for your use locally.

The statement will be finished and available by next week.

A Unified Statement for Advocacy

- Arts education supports the social and emotional well-being of students, whether through distance learning or in person.
- Arts education nurtures the creation of a welcoming school environment where students can express themselves in a safe and positive way.
- Arts education is part of a well-rounded education for all students as understood and supported by federal and state policymakers.
Local Advocacy Action Plan
Other advocacy resources...
Actions you can take

• Use NAfME resources
  • Local Advocacy Action Plan – make a plan to advocate for your program
  • Civic Action Field Guide – get a refresher on education policy and elections
  • State MEAs – find your advocacy chair
  • NAfME website – www.nafme.org

• Send us your stories of distance learning - advocacy@nafme.org, Facebook, Twitter

• Check the NAfME Grassroots Action Center
  • Send a letter to Congress urging action on State Education Budgets
  • Check back for opportunities to advocate for federal education aid to states.
Thank you!

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Example of Advocacy In Action: New Jersey

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New Reality Taskforce
THIS IS NOT NORMAL
The health, safety, and wellness of students, families, educators, and staff must be a priority
## Common Themes Around Health

1. Temperature Checks
2. PPE
3. Social Distancing
4. Testing & Contact Tracing
5. Single Classrooms
6. Recess Eliminated or Limited
7. No Visitors in Building
8. Regular Disinfection
9. Increasing Ventilation
10. Protocol Infection Return
11. Promoting Hygiene Practices
12. Student Counseling/Mental Health/Mindfulness
13. Infection Return Protocol
Major Concerns

1. Some will Use Crisis to Promote “Other” Agendas
   - Narrow the Curriculum
   - Get Rid of School Buildings
   - Target the Arts/Essential vs. Non-Essential
2. Impact of Remediation
ARTS ED NJ

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New Jersey Art Administrators Association
New Jersey Department of Education
New Jersey Education Association
New Jersey Music Administrators Association

New Jersey Music Educators Association
New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association
New Jersey PTA
New Jersey School Boards Association
New Jersey State Council on the Arts
New Jersey Thespians
Rowan University
Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey
Key Points for ALL Messaging

1. Student Expectations have already been defined and agreed to *(Thorough and Efficient Education)*
2. Learning Expectation Should **NOT** Change
3. Deliver of Instruction **WILL** Change
4. Excellent Arts Instruction Has Been Occurring
5. Social Emotional Learning Must Be Front and Center
CHANGE THE "HOW"

Not the "WHAT"
September Ready: Preparing for What’s Next

- Discipline Specific Groups
  - Identify/Recommend Best Practices/Recent Experiences
  - Adapt to Health Themes
  - By Grade Configuration and Content
  - Include New Ways to Engage Students
- In Person/Asynchronous/Synchronous
- Embed Social Emotional Learning in Instruction
- Be Prepared for New COVID Outbreak
Resources: https://ArtsEdNJ.org/covid19

- Distance Learning
- Social Emotional Learning
- SEL/Arts Education Framework
- NJ Student Learning Standards in the Arts
- Arts Ed NJ New Reality Taskforce
- September Ready

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Calls to Action

Urge Congress to advance needed relief for education funding for states so educational opportunity in all well-rounded subjects including music and arts education as defined by ESSA can reach every child.

Urge every music education stakeholder to meet with local education leaders and elected officials to assure that planning for school re-opening includes music and arts education - the heart and soul of student learning.
Report On Your Activity

Update us at:

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or

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WATCH THE NEW STAY HOME VIDEO!

Taking the U.S. by storm the dynamic duo has announced the Peace Love and Happy Hour tour in support of their latest single *Stay Home*.
"My biggest surprise since we switched to online music lessons is that they work! Teachers and students alike are finding they are both more engaged." - Myrna Sislen, Owner, Middle C Music
SAVE THE DATE
NAMM’s Music Advocacy Summit
June 16th

Registration opens next week!
namm.org/issues-and-advocacy
COVID-19 and Instrument Cleaning

The NFHS, NAMM, and the NAMM Foundation recommend the following guidelines for handling musical instruments during the COVID-19 school shutdown period. These guidelines are designed for use by music educators and educators may use these guidelines when teaching students and parents how to clean instruments.

Sterilization vs. Disinfection

There is a difference between sterilization and disinfection of music instruments. Sterilization is limited in how long an instrument will remain sterile. Once an instrument is exposed to air or handled it is no longer sterile. However, disinfecting an instrument to make it safe to handle will last longer and is easier to achieve. COVID-19 like, most viruses has a limited lifespan on hard surfaces. Users of musical equipment may be more susceptible to infections from instruments that are not cleaned and maintained properly, especially if they are shared school instruments.

If the cleaning process is thorough, musical instruments can be disinfected. Basic soap and water can be highly effective in reducing the number of harmful bacteria and viruses simply by carrying away the dirt and oil that they stick to.

The NFHS, NAMM, and the NAMM Foundation received information from the CDC which suggest the COVID-19 virus can remain on the following instrument surfaces for the stated amount of time:

Brass – Up to 5 Days
Wood – Up to 4 Days
Plastic – Up to 3 Days
Strings – Up to 3 Days
Cork – Up to 2 Days

The CDC recommends general cleaning techniques for instruments that have not been used or handled outside of the above timelines. Essentially if students are picking up instruments for the first time since school has been closed, those instruments will not need more than general cleaning as stated below.

Additional guidance on general cleaning and disinfection can be found here:

Instrument Hygiene

Before distributing an instrument that has been shared, use of alcohol wipes, swabs, or disinfectant solution to thoroughly clean both the outside and the inside of the mouthpiece is highly recommended. It is also essential to maintain overall cleanliness via the use of cleaning rods, swabs, mouthpiece brushes, etc., as this is necessary to prevent buildup of residue within the instrument.

For wood instruments any excess amount of liquid can be damaging. Please be judicious and sparing outside of the mouthpiece area that needs cleaning. In addition, certain cleaning products that can be used on the mouthpiece should not be used around the pads associated with a woodwind instrument’s keys (e.g. flute, clarinet, saxophone, etc.).
COVID-19 AND PIANO CARE

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is having a major impact throughout the world and that includes the world of the piano technician. The Piano Technicians Guild is making the following suggestions for its members as they work in home and other buildings and facilities.

1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has specific tips for preparation, protection and care. You can view this information at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/protect/index.html

2. Special care should be taken when using disinfectant products on a piano. Our thanks to Greg Cheng, RPT, for his invaluable assistance in developing these recommendations.

General Recommendations

- Use alcohol-based disinfectants, do not use bleach-based disinfectants or any product containing citrus.
- If using a spray or liquid bottle, use a disposable towel like WYPALL L30. Put the disinfectant on the towel and not the piano.
- After use, immediately put the towel or disinfectant-hand wipe in the trash and wash your hands as the CDC recommends. Do not use reusable towels or cloths which could spread germs to your kit or the next customer.
- Always follow up with a dry towel and never leave any liquids on the piano or keys.

Keys

The keys are the most important part. Generally speaking, most disinfecting wipes or sprays should be safe to use on the keys. If the keys are dirty,
Top 10 Tips to Protect Employees’ Health

Healthy employees are crucial to your business. Here are 10 ways to help them stay healthy.

1. Actively encourage sick employees to stay home. Develop policies that encourage sick employees to stay at home without fear of reprisals, and ensure employees are aware of these policies.

2. Have conversations with employees about their health. Look for employees who may be at higher risk for severe illness, such as older adults and those with chronic medical conditions.

3. Develop other flexible policies for scheduling and turnover of employees. Create leave policies to allow employees to stay home when needed, sick family members or care for children if schools and childcare close.

4. Talk with companies that provide your business with contract or temporary employees about their plans. Discuss the importance of sick employees staying home and encourage them to develop non-punitive “emergency sick leave” policies.

5. Plan and implement practices to minimize face-to-face contact between employees if social distancing is recommended by local health or government officials. Consider alternative arrangements such as teleworking or staggered shifts.

6. Consider the need for travel and explore alternatives. Check CDC’s Travelers Health for the latest guidelines and recommendations. Consider using teleconferencing and video conferencing for meetings, when possible.

7. Provide education and training materials in an easy to understand format and in the appropriate language and literacy level for all employees, including safety and policies.

8. If an employee becomes sick while at work, they should be separated from other employees, customers, and visitors and sent home immediately. Follow CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting areas the sick employee visited.

For more tips and information, see the CDC interims guidance for businesses and employers and the OSHA Guidance for Protecting Healthcare Workers from COVID-19.
Virtual Choir 6: Sing Gently, a Conversation with Eric Whitacre
Watching the events unfold around the world, Composer Eric Whitacre has been inspired to write a new piece to share through the Virtual Choir: Sing Gently.

Making Music Online: How To's for Ensembles
This webinar offers practical tips, how-to’s and motivation to move your ensembles online.

Making Music Online: How To's for Private and Group Lessons
Discover online group lessons and therapeutic music-making for children and adults, and business models to move in-store music lessons online to keep students connected and making music.

Bridging the Gap: Teaching and Learning Music Online
The power of music is amplified through the events we share. Teaching and learning music can thrive through the remarkable tools, resources and people that are engaging in music online.
COVID Retail Recovery: How to Reopen for Business
How do you navigate reopening your retail business in the time of COVID-19? How do you re-engage customers who’ve been hunkered down? How will you manage and communicate with your...

Website Strategies in the New Normal
What are the latest web strategies for music businesses? In this pre-recorded webinar from April 22, Inbound AV’s Peter Malick and Madison Revell look at how people’s online behavior has...

NAMM welcomed global business expert Marcus Sheridan for a special online education series on sales and marketing in the time of COVID-19. The third and final part, “Timeless Sales,” was...
Final Thoughts
I’ve met all my best friends and made amazing memories through music ensembles. Being in band was the only motivation keeping me away from senioritis so now I’m just sad and bored.”
"Choir is my time to be free. Choir is my everyday reminder that music is important to me and it’s more than just a sound. Choir lets me breathe. It lets me release everything I’ve built up throughout the school day. It’s my passion, and I think the only thing I’m missing from school is my ensemble.”
“Band is a time of the day where I’m able to separate my mind from every other stressful thing going on in school and to focus on music, which relaxes me. I will miss having that designated time of day to focus on my music.”
Reminder

The information and resources mentioned in this webinar are available at

nammfoundation.org/projects/namm-foundation-covid-19-resources

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Thank You!