



# North Jersey School Music Association

## Region I of the New Jersey Music Educators Association

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Greetings to all of our colleagues! The past few months have been filled with some great musical activities throughout our region. I will start off with our performances. A huge thank you goes out to our site hosts, managers, accompanists and conductors as follows:

**BAND** (Hosted at John H. Walker MS by Andrew Mayewski Jr. and Vincent Vicchiarriello)

Intermediate Symphonic Winds (Richard Barrieres, conductor Carolyn Masi & Andrew Lopez, managers)

Intermediate Concert Band (David Marks, conductor Jeff Peters & Erik Sloezen, managers)

**CHORUS** (Hosted at Memorial MS by George Glock & Clifton HS by Leonid Weismantel)

Intermediate Mixed Chorus (Laura Kosmich, conductor Michael Holak, accompanist Paul Ricigliano, manager)

Intermediate Treble Chorus (Deborah Mello, conductor Michelle Yampolsky, accompanist Julianne Boyle & Rebecca Polynice, managers)

**ORCHESTRA** (Hosted at Ramapo Ridge MS by Wendy Campbell & County College of Morris)

Intermediate Symphonic Orchestra (Sue On, conductor Peter Norell & Rob Anderson, managers)

In addition to everything listed above, the band division hosted our annual high school concert band festivals (March 21 - 23). Congratulations to all of the groups that participated along with those chosen to represent our region at the state gala. On April 1st, the elementary general music division along with the NJYC co-sponsored a workshop entitled It's Elementary My Dear. As always, this was a huge success and a great experience for everyone involved. Our orchestra division also hosted two festivals in April for high school/intermediate and elementary ensembles. Both of these events were well received and successful. Our annual 5th & 6th grade honors band festival was held this past Saturday, May 6th. As has been past practice, there were two 6th grade bands and our first ever 5th grade honors band! It was a great day and we are happy to have provided this experience for our younger band students in the region.

We still have a few more events planned in May and June including the Elementary Choral Celebration and Membership PD Day. Info for these events can be found on our website calendar (<https://njsma.org/calendar/>).

My term as President is coming to a close and I'd like to publicly thank our entire executive board for all of the work they have done. Making everything happen in our region is an immense job. Their hard work and dedication along with all of the membership who helped contribute their services and knowledge is greatly appreciated. We are always looking for volunteers to help in any capacity. Please reach out to anyone on the executive board if you are interested and want to get more involved. Please also visit our website (<https://njsma.org/>) for other region related information and contact info for all executive board members.

I hope everyone has a successful and enjoyable end to the school year. I look forward to continuing my service to the region as Past President starting in September 2023. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can help you with.

Musically,

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