MMEA State Large Ensemble Festival and Solo and Ensemble Cancellation

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Maryland Music Education Community:

The Maryland Music Educators Association (MMEA) regrets that the 2020 State Large Ensemble Festivals and the 2020 State Solo and Ensemble Festivals will be cancelled. The circumstances around the COVID-19 situation have placed an enormous burden upon our state’s educational institutions in numerous ways that will in turn impact MMEA’s ability to sponsor this year’s events.

There were numerous factors that guided this decision:

- Several school systems being unable to complete adjudication festivals as a result of closures.
- Several of our anticipated sites have announced that they will not be hosting any events for the remainder of the academic year.
- The closure of schools for two weeks will prevent teachers from having time to meet registration and payment deadlines.
- Some school systems will not have the opportunity to host their district level events due to the two week closure of schools.
- Some school systems have communicated that field trip experiences may not take place for the remainder of the school year.

MMEA recognizes the disappointment that this will cause for the music educators and students of Maryland as the festival experiences provide students with important learning opportunities. MMEA thanks to our many stakeholders for their ongoing support throughout this period of time.

Sincerely,
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