



Missouri Music Educators Association
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A Letter from Your Mentoring Chairs

Hello New Missouri Music Educators! We are so excited to welcome you to the wonderful world of teaching music! We are Paul and Alisha Baur and we are the Mentoring Chairs for the Missouri Music Educators Association. Between the two of us, we have over 60 years of teaching experience, teaching at all levels of music education. We have been in small 1A schools all the way to large 5A schools. We have taught Band, Choir, and Elementary General Music (and we know some great Orchestra Directors too), so we understand where you are and what you are experiencing. AND, we want you to know that you are not alone! We and so many other music educators are here to help you when needed.

This important networking begins with our 2026 MMEA Mentoring Conference on September 27 and 28 at the Tan-Tar-A Convention Center at Margaritaville Resort in Osage Beach, MO. This is your official invitation to attend! At this conference, we will hold sessions that will be tailored to your needs for finding success for you and most importantly, for your students. With many breakout sessions, you can talk and discuss your situation with experienced educators who have been through the same beginning years and understand where you are! You can build relationships with these seasoned teachers and have a music mentor that will be only a phone call away at any time throughout your school year. AND, the best part of all of this is that **IT IS FREE** for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year educators. All you will have to do is pay for one night lodging. Registration is open now and will close on September 21, but get registered today, because the conference rate for lodging will close on August 29.

We are again so excited for you to begin your music educators' journey and want you to know that we are all here to lend an ear, share some advice, and become a mentor, an aide, and a friend to help you along the way.

Don't hesitate to reach out to either of us if you have questions about MMEA and the MMEA Mentoring Conference. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in September.

Respectfully,

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