SMTE Spring 2023 Report

* **2023 Symposium on Music Teacher Education** will be held October 12 – 14, 2023 at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. The deadline for submissions is April 17. Registration information and other information on the conference is available at <https://smte.us/conferences-symposia/2023-symposium/>
* **MoSPE Regulation Change.** DESE has been updating the Standards for Professional Education Programs. The regulations will be finalized over the next few weeks. At the present time, it will impact several relevant policies.
  + Revises literacy standards for Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education certifications to align with evidence-based literacy instruction.
  + Provides more flexibility to universities for teacher education curriculum and assessing candidates.
  + Changes student teaching requirements
    - Proposes 480 hours as the minimum time requirement.
    - Allows but does not require PK-12 program to split experience across grade levels.
    - Reduces teaching experience requirement for cooperating teachers to two years.
* **NAfME Research Report on Divisive Concepts Laws.** NAfME has been very responsive into the challenges being posed by the array of state legislation and school action placing restrictions on the ways that teachers can teach and interact with students. The report is available through the headline tab on the NAfME website. It concerns important information that is valuable for the ongoing learning of all MMEA members.