



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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State Superintendent of Education

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey *EGM*  
State Superintendent of Education

**RE:** Alabama Music Educators Association Conference

During January 16-19, 2020, the annual professional development conference of the Alabama Music Educators Association (AMEA) will be held at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Spa Montgomery, Alabama. Workshops, speakers, and training designed specifically for music educators will feature a range of topics such as lesson plans, student assessment, rehearsal techniques, curriculum development, and music technology. In addition, notable composers and authors of music education materials will provide hands-on instruction and insight. Veteran music educators will be available to mentor new and veteran teachers on a variety of teaching techniques. For more information, please visit the AMEA website at <http://myamea.org>.

I encourage you to review your budget and professional development to ascertain whether your music educators may attend this conference. Your encouragement and authorization of professional leave should improve your arts education programs, especially music, for your students and teachers. The sharing of ideas and networking of music educators through conferences of this type can be a valid approach to assisting teachers in learning and in implementing new strategies to improve student achievement in your system and our state.

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