



PMEA DISTRICT 1

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Dear School Administrator:

As a point of introduction, the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) is a statewide nonprofit organization of over 4,500 members, dedicated to promoting the musical development of all Pennsylvanians. The organization includes those engaged in music instruction at all levels, from preschool through college and university, as well as those in the music industry, merchandising and publishing. The organization promotes and supports quality music education, learning and performance as well as promoting and supporting music education in schools and communities. PMEA is affiliated with The National Association for Music Education (NAfME).

On a local level, PMEA District 1 includes over 550 school and private music teachers from Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties. District 1 sponsors numerous music festivals throughout the school year at the elementary, junior high, and high school levels and in all of the music strands. In addition to a plethora of music festivals, District 1 also provides members with numerous professional development opportunities throughout the school year.

The 2019 PMEA District 1 Professional Development Day will be held in Pittsburgh on Monday, November 25th at Duquesne University. Teachers will have the opportunity to attend a variety of different sessions specifically tailored to the current needs and topics in music education and public education as a whole. Sessions relating to the orchestral, band, choir, and general music classrooms will be offered as well as sessions about teaching students of different ages, needs, abilities, and socio-economic backgrounds.

Active PMEA members may attend the entire event free of charge. Non-members may attend the conference for a small fee of \$10. All teachers may also use their attendance at the conference to earn Act 48 credit hours, with up to five hours available in one day.

Please visit our website, district1.pmea.net, to see the updates and details regarding the professional development day. The website provides information about registration, parking, Act 48 credit, as well as a list of sessions and presenters. To access the complete conference schedule, which will be available around October 1, please follow our Professional Development link and click on registration.

Providing the opportunity for your music staff to attend this professional development day will have a direct and meaningful impact on the students in your district. If you or another administrator would like to attend the conference to experience this opportunity first-hand, please contact the PMEA District 1 President at district1pmea.president@gmail.com. We would be happy to have you attend the conference and can answer any questions regarding how PMEA District 1 can assist your music staff.