

To All Music Teachers in the State of Kansas,

KMEA is asking you to complete a short, ten-question survey to update our data as to the impact of budget challenges on music education programs in Kansas' schools. Below is a link to the survey. It is important for KMEA to receive a response from every school district in the state of Kansas. Please identify one music educator as a representative from your school district to collect the necessary information and complete the survey on behalf of your district no later than December 31, 2011. We hope all your district's music educators will assist in providing this important information.

<https://online.ksu.edu/Survey/take/takeSurvey.do?offeringId=179727>

Please pass the word around to all districts encouraging them to complete the survey. The information you submit will provide valuable data as to the impact of budget cuts on music programs in our state. Results from last year's survey can be found on the KSMEA website.

<http://www.ksmea.org/advocacy/impact.php> &

<http://www.ksmea.org/advocacy/brochure.php>

As a response to the challenges that music programs in Kansas has faced in the past couple of years and to ward off future threats to music education, KMEA is developing a State-Wide Network of high-profile advocates that can be contacted at a moment's notice to help support music in schools on the district and state levels. We need you to help us to create a state-wide network of support. Your district president will be in contact with music educators to have you submit one or two names of high-profile music education supporters that are influential in the educational / cultural / business community and knowledgeable of the educational validity of music education. You can help by completing as much as possible for each submission and submit to your district president. **(Don't forget to contact the advocate for their permission to submit their contact information.)**

Advocate Name:

Title:

Address:

City/Zip:

Phone No.:

E-mail Address:

The primary objective is to assist music programs and their instructors with maintaining quality music education in schools. Music instructors will be involved with all communication and the instructor will have final approval as to what is communicated, to whom the communication should be focused, and when the communication will occur.

Thank you,

Craig Manteuffel, KMEA President

Fred Burrack, Advocacy Chair