

The Connecticut Arts Administrators Association, in our role as providers of professional development for arts administrators and arts educators throughout the state of Connecticut, would like to reiterate our strong acknowledgement of the importance of diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice in arts education.

In light of recent events involving the Connecticut Music Educators Association and the release of the All-State Chorus video, CAAA's Executive Board encourages CMEA members and leadership to work together to achieve diversity and inclusivity in their mission of providing valuable musical opportunities for students and music educators in Connecticut. The role of professional arts organizations is increasingly important now, given the critical need to provide safe, creative, and inclusive learning environments for all students. We must speak out and support these critical values. As well, we should grow and learn from adverse situations, for we are stronger when our responses are unified, positive and resolute.

The Connecticut Arts Administrators Association values the opportunity for diversity to be celebrated and uplifted in our schools through music, visual art, and the performing arts, and recognizes the need for arts educators to continue to be educated and to grow professionally in these important areas, as we move forward together towards a better future.

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