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# TEXAS BLACK MUSIC EDUCATORS NEWSLETTER



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Welcome to 2026

Our first few months back to school has been filled with exciting rehearsals, new faces, and new discoveries. This New year bring excitement leading to our annual meeting at the TMEA convention February 11-14, 2026. TBME has started the school year with the theme **"Bridging the Gap: Connecting Across the Feeder Pattern"**, where we are encouraging and challenging secondary and elementary directors to collaborate. Five key components that could help you fulfill the challenge are:

- Hosting/Having collaborative meetings or Professional Dev.
- Building interest/recruitment for secondary programs by visiting your elementary schools
- Having your MS/JH/HS students volunteer at elementary events
- Understanding what each level of learning brings to the table
- Creating professional relationships with your feeder colleagues

## VIDEO SUBMISSIONS

We are looking for a few Directors to also send in a few videos of practice techniques you value to be in the newsletter as well.


## ARE YOU A PRESENTER?

Have you been selected to present at TMEA? Please send your flyer and information to us so that we may post it in our Social Media Groups, participate in your clinic, and bring a friend


## WE NEED YOU!!

We are looking for a few Choral Directors, Orchestra Directors, Band Directors, and Elementary Teachers to send in 2 of your most asked questions from other colleagues with an answer you would give to be featured in our newsletter coming soon.

## WAYS TO CONNECT

 [texasblackmusiceducators@gmail.com](mailto:texasblackmusiceducators@gmail.com)

 New Site Coming Soon!!

 [TBME Page](#)

[TBME Facebook Group](#)

## BECOME A MEMBER

TBME is open to Music Educators all over the state of Texas. To become a member, Scan the QR code, fill out the information, become a member. In person at TMEA, we will allow member signup for only \$25. This will include a data base of all current members, access to resources, and exclusive membership perks and discounts on events. After TMEA, the yearly dues will be \$50. See everyone at the convention!!

## SIGN-IN



## PAY YOUR DUES



## Purpose

TBME-Diversity in Music Education, is an organization dedicated to advocacy for diversity in music education; and equitable music education in diverse situations.

## Vision

To help make Texas schools places where music is accessible, enjoyable, excellent, and equitably representative of all the cultures they are purposed to serve.

TBME is an Organization Dedicated to the Advancement of Diversity in Music Education

## MISSION

- **NETWORKING:** Foster networking, collaboration and best-practice sharing among music educators in culturally diverse situations.
- **RESOURCES:** Create or provide access to resources to support educators and students navigating toward successful music performances in culturally diverse situations.
- **SUPPORT:** Support and encourage the creation of opportunities to celebrate the successes of teachers and students in diverse educational contexts.
- **ADVOCACY:** Program activities to advocate for the inclusion of the history, art, and culture of diverse musical styles as equal to, not "other than," those musical forms traditionally taught in the American public schools.