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Dear Band Directors of North Carolina,

It is with a heavy heart that I share with you we will be cancelling all scheduled Music Performance Adjudications (MPA) for the rest of March and early April. I know how hard you and your students have worked for this event. While this decision has been difficult, I believe it is the wisest decision at this time. *Our students' safety and wellbeing is, of course, the number one goal of the North Carolina Bandmasters Association.*

I want to remind you that making and sharing music is why we do this and not a plaque to hang on the wall. As you share this difficult news with your students, don't forget to remind them of your mutual love of music.

As for All-State Honors Band, I am hesitant to make a final decision at this point. While we all realize there is a strong possibility that we cannot hold this event, I am an eternal optimist when it comes to the opportunities we provide our students. I always want the best for them. All signs point to cancellation right now, but I do not know the future. I would like to wait until April 1, one month before the event, to make a final decision.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your patience and support through these trying times. I am honestly doing what I feel is best for the band students of North Carolina. Stay safe, my friends!

Sincerely,

Jason M. Barclift, President
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