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Fellow Band Directors,

Your executive board has been working hard on several items that will be released in the very near future. We will be releasing some guidelines we recommend for all band programs - both concert and marching band - based upon the recent aerosol study and our governor's decision. We are also developing an online database where we can share ideas, lesson plans, best practices, etc. with one another. You will be able to upload your ideas and download others. We feel this will be a great opportunity for us to help each other through this difficult time. If every director in our state uploads one lesson, we will have quite an extensive database to pull from. Look for all of these details soon! The NCMEA Executive Board has also met several times to discuss our November Conference and more details about that will be released soon as well.

We as the executive board felt you needed this information immediately - knowing many of you are in marching band camp already or will be soon. The North Carolina Bandmasters Association Executive Board has decided not to sanction any marching band competitions for the fall of 2020. This decision has been difficult, but it was made with respect for the safety and well-being of everyone involved - students and staff.

This decision should not impact your ability to perform at half time if your own school system allows. It also does not impact your decision to compete in or host your own competition. That decision will be based solely upon your own choices in consultation with your administration. If you have already submitted an application to host to Anne Reese, she will be returning your uncashed checks in due time.

Sincerely,

Jason M. Barclift, President
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