

March 13, 2020

Dear Students/Parents,

In light of current issues regarding large public gatherings and health and safety concerns, the NJMEA board has decided it will be **CANCELLING** All State **Intermediate** Orchestra auditions and the performance. Due to timing, it is not practical to postpone Intermediate Orchestra and expect that things will return to normalcy in enough time to execute the concert as planned. So we will have to forgo Intermediate Orchestra for this year.

As for All State **High School** Orchestra, the board has decided to **POSTPONE auditions** until such a time that they might be able to be held. Since the concert is in November, we are hoping there will be time to accommodate the High School Orchestra. However, no promises can be made. We will wait to see what lies ahead.

All Intermediate Orchestra checks will be voided and shredded. Directors who wrote personal checks can reimburse their students. School checks will be returned to the schools and students will be reimbursed by the school.

All High School Orchestra checks will be held for a few weeks in hopes that auditions can be rescheduled. At that time, **ONLY** students who completed the registration process will be permitted to audition. Their payments will be used. Any student who does not audition will be reimbursed through his/her director or school. We will address this in more detail within the next few weeks.

We apologize for the obvious disappointment all Intermediate Orchestra students will face, and the uncertainty facing the High School Orchestra students. But, being proactive is what's important. The well-being of our students and directors has to come first.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Stay tuned for more information about High School Orchestra auditions as it becomes available.

Wash your hands, drink plenty of fluids, get lots of rest and take care.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mark and the All State Orchestra Executive Committee