

Advocacy Newsletter

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Welcome back to the advocacy newsletter series! Please let me know how I can support you, your students & families, and your school community this school year. ahairston.mcea@gmail.com



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Highlights

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| <p><u>NAFME Hill Week</u></p> <p>The MMEA board member team for NAFME’s Virtual Hill Week was joined by member Aaron Klaus (Montgomery Co.) to advocate for federal appropriations and bills that support music education. We were able to meet with 8 out of 10 congressional offices! We are also excited to report that David Trone has signed on to co-sponsor H.R.5581, the Arts Education For All Act. Go Maryland!</p> | <p><u>Local Spotlight</u></p> <p>Shout out to Ginger Segala and Howard County Parents for School Music (HCPSM), an awesome advocacy organization that supports music education in HCPSS. From supporting marching band showcases and instrument drives, to maintaining a local private teacher list and organizing actions at Board of Ed meetings, they help HCPSS music education thrive. Visit their Facebook page to see event highlights and recent advocacy actions.</p> <p>Does your county have a local parent/caregiver organization that is doing great things? Please let us know!</p> |
| <p><u>Advocacy Leadership Force</u></p> <p>This month, the Advocacy Leadership Force (ALF) welcomed new members and heard celebrations from the states in attendance. ALF meets virtually on Zoom each month. If you have any advocacy celebrations that NAFME should know about, please email them to Amy Hairston.</p> | <p><u>MD Organizations You Can Connect With</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Arts Are Education★ Title IV-A Coalition★ AEMS- Arts Education in Maryland Schools★ MCA- Maryland Citizens for the Arts★ MSAC- Maryland State Arts Council |

