



State Advocacy Support from NAfME

Supporting the work of our state music education associations (MEAs) is paramount to NAfME. With the increased use of virtual meeting platforms, the NAfME Advocacy and Public Policy team seeks to provide more equitable access for MEAs to collaborate and receive support from the team. The team is available to assist MEAs in accomplishing their advocacy and policy goals by providing:

- Advocacy Consulting
- Advocacy Training and Presentations
- Legislative Research and Review
- Building Advocacy Campaigns

Advocacy Consulting

NAfME staff can help your MEA craft a specific plan of action to strengthen music education advocacy and policy within your MEA, school districts, and/or state. Tailored plans can include guidance on developing an advocacy committee, creating and understanding legislative agendas, grassroots campaigns, utilizing advocacy to address DEIA, etc.

Advocacy Training and Presentations

NAfME staff can provide virtual presentations and training for MEA members covering a variety of music education advocacy topics. The team can provide recorded or live streamed messages for state conferences or board meetings. Topics include welcome/introduction to advocacy events, trainings/ meetings, the importance of music education advocacy, how to engage the whole school community in music education advocacy, federal legislative updates, and more.

If your MEA wishes to invite a member of the Advocacy and Public Policy team to an in-person event, please contact Kim Henry, NAfME Chief of Staff and Governance Relations, at kimh@nafme.org.

Legislative Research and Review

The advocacy team utilizes the Fiscal Note (FN) platform to monitor state and federal legislative activity. State MEAs can also request the team to track specific legislation regarding music education.

The Advocacy Leadership Force (ALF) is a network of state MEAs advocacy leaders. The ALF meets monthly to share ideas and help members become more effective advocates in their state. Members discuss issues affecting music education at the state level and learn where to focus advocacy on the federal level.

Building Advocacy Campaigns

State MEAs seeking to engage their members and music education advocates to participate in grassroots campaigns or be informed about legislative action can use the Voter Voice (VV) platform. The platform sends tailored messages to state and federal legislators on behalf of music education proponents, making advocacy more accessible for ALL.