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**Surviving and Thriving in the New
Reality of Music Education**

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Confronting the Reality of Today

Our students have suffered loss, many of which are permanent. Even those losses that may seem trivial to others are still, from their perspective, a loss...and they are grieving.

Our programs are facing loss as well...budget or staffing cuts, changes in how our programs function (e.g., marching band), and shifting concepts of the program's purpose.

Remember Why You're There

Start with Why. Check your alignment to your core values. Keep those activities a priority first then use those values to decide a course of action...the What and the How.

Remember who you serve - students. Without them there's no reason for us to exist.

Equity - Are you serving all students in your program? Top to bottom, virtual as well as in-person? As (not when) budgets get tight, be prepared to share how you're watching and documenting this.

Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) will be a primary component of how our students survive this past spring and how they adapt to the fall...and is embedded in what we do and how we do it.

21st Century Skills (the Four C's) Critical Thinking and Problem Solving; Communication; Collaboration; Creativity and Innovation. We've been the best at giving these skills to all our students in the past. Can you deliver these skills at the same level in next year's environment? The "What" hasn't changed, just the "How"

Surviving

Establish and maintain positive relationships with your Board members and Admin team.

Remember that your Admin team's perspectives are probably not the same as yours.

Be able to communicate the goals and objectives of the program and be able to justify them.

Learn how to communicate your needs and to distinguish them from wants.

Thriving

Build and maintain positive relationships with your students. Be there for them and their families. Their relationships with your program are over multiple years, while most teachers are a single year. Use this to your advantage and share your successes with your campus leadership. Make them aware of this benefit and ask how you can help support their work.

Be Positive and Real in your communication.

Redefine success...it may not look (or sound) the way it did before.

Utilize Community Outreach to get what you need. You may have someone in your community with unique talents.

Trade Services with other programs to lower costs.

Title IV, Part A can be an excellent financial resource and the amounts were actually increased this year.

Focus on your students...meet them where they are.