



A STATEMENT FROM THE INDIANA STATE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

The Indiana State School Music Association is committed to fostering a society free of discrimination, systemic racism, and social injustice through the tenets of our Mission Statement. We grieve the deaths of George Floyd and all others who have lost their lives as a result of police brutality and hate crimes. We stand in solidarity with those who are peacefully demanding change.

We recognize that racism, discrimination, and injustice are the afflictions of a society in crisis. Stopping the spread of these abhorrent behaviors will require intentional responses from each of us. As music educators we understand the synergistic power created when a group of people work together for a common goal. We must embrace the common goal of building equality, diversity, inclusion, and respect as core beliefs while fulfilling our mission.

ISSMA stands ready to help our nation heal by joining others in open dialogue to affect meaningful change. We encourage all present, past, and future participants in ISSMA events to let their voices be heard and their interactions with others demonstrate the need for interracial unity. Our love of music has brought us together and working together we can build a better world.

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