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RE: MPA Modifications for the school year 2020-2021

These modifications will be in effect for the 2020-2021 school year. Further accommodations may be made as new information becomes available.

1. All FBA Marching Band MPA's are hereby canceled for the fall semester of 2020. Bands will not incur ANY negative consequence related to participation in the 2021 Concert Band MPA or Solo and Ensemble MPA due to this cancelation.
2. Marching Band MPA will be excluded from the criteria for the Otto J. Kraushaar Award for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. All band program classifications for the 2020-2021 school year will automatically be lowered one level for Concert Band MPA. If a school wishes to request a classification lower than one level, they may request to do so by following "Request for Special Permission" found on page 13 of the FBA Handbook. (This decision is based on the fact that school bands missed nine weeks of instruction in the 2019-20 school year.)

Rationale:

After significant communication with stakeholders at all levels throughout the State of Florida, FBA has decided on the above courses of action.

MARCHING MPA

The health and well-being of our directors and students are absolutely paramount at this time. While FBA recognizes that marching band is an integral and fundamental component of the many high school band curriculums, we do feel that at this time we must suspend the event.

This is NOT to cancel all marching band activities at every school. We are hoping that many marching bands can continue to function safely within the guidelines of their district school system. Furthermore, we hope this can alleviate the stress of preparing an "FBA Marching Band MPA" evaluation, thus allowing directors to focus on musical skills and team building that may have been missed in the final 9 weeks of the spring 2020 semester.

"A BAND IN EVERY SCHOOL"

If an FBA District or individual county wishes to hold a Marching Band Exhibition this fall, they are welcome to do so under the auspices and regulations of their individual county school boards. This would not be an FBA sanctioned event.

CONCERT BAND CLASSIFICATIONS

This modification is only based on missing the last 9 weeks of the spring 2020 semester. As this school year unfolds the MPA Committee, Executive Board and District Chairs will be monitoring conditions throughout the state and will make recommendations for further modifications if necessary.