



Mentoring

An Opportunity for New and Experienced Teachers

Informal Mentoring Through MNSOTA and MMEA

MNSOTA and MMEA work together to create lists of experienced classroom and studio teachers who are available for contact regarding questions and concerns that arise for new teachers. For experienced teachers who volunteer to be mentors, the commitment level involves advising only when called with specific issues.

Our goal is to meet the needs of new teachers in the field who might be interested in attending workshops, observing veteran teachers, partnering with an experienced teacher for one-on-one mentoring, or simply having a person to connect with via email or phone on an as-needed basis.

For newer classroom or studio teachers, situations may arise

in which communication with an experienced teacher would be helpful. There are many experienced teachers who remember the excitement and overwhelming nature of the first years of working in string education and would like to be helpful to you. Please feel free to contact us to ask for advice; no question is too small if it enhances string teaching in our state.

Whether you are willing to be a mentor, or if you want to ask for advice, please contact MNSOTA Mentoring Coordinator Jane Linde Capistran, 218-299-4853, capistra@cord.edu, with your name, phone number and preferred e-mail address. Or contact MMEA Orchestra VP Mary Gagnon gagnonm@district279.org or MMEA Execu-

tive Director Mary Schaeffle schaeffle@mmea.org.

