

Building Better Bands

It Doesn't Hurt to Ask

“Hey Dad, do you have any money?”

That's how I usually kick off my end-of-the-year budget conversations with my administrators. A little humor, a lot of hope—and a list of items that could truly benefit the program. More often than not, it opens the door to real possibilities.

One budget line that sometimes gets overlooked is professional development. If your district has any remaining funds in that category, now's the perfect time to put them to good use.

Pre-registration is now open for the 56th Annual MBA Summer Convention, happening June 15–18, 2025, at the Margaritaville Resort. I highly encourage you to consider attending—and to advocate for funding to support your trip.

Here are a few key phrases that might help when talking to your administrators:

- The convention offers targeted professional development that deepens **content-area knowledge** and teaching strategies.
- Sessions are designed to increase teacher **engagement**, which in turn boosts **student engagement**.
- Workshops follow a **competency-based education model**.
- There are specialized sessions geared toward **early-career teachers**.
- The event fosters **collaboration** and **connection** among professionals—crucial for teacher support and **retention**.
- Many sessions address classroom **climate and culture**, helping to create more **positive learning environments**.

Whether you're a new teacher looking for guidance or a seasoned educator seeking inspiration, there's something valuable here for everyone. Let's keep growing, learning, and leading—together.

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Important Dates

April 1–June 1, 2025
Pre-registration opens

June 15–18, 2025
MBA Summer Convention

December 6, 2025
All-State Auditions

January 27–31, 2026
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Summer Convention Prices

Daily Room Rate: \$154

Pre-Registration Amounts

- Active = \$100
- Retired=\$60
- Associate = \$125
- Sustaining = \$150
- First Year=\$50
- Collegiate=\$25
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Sunday June 15: Warrensburg Community Band

Monday, June 16: St. Joseph Big Band

Tuesday, June 17: Show-Me Brass

Wednesday, June 18: Truman Rocks

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