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Dear Music Educators:

Welcome back to another exciting school year. We hope you enjoyed a relaxing summer!

By now we are sure you are aware of our first official state Music Conference to be held in connection with the All State Chorus and Orchestra Event, October 29-31, 2009 in Rapid City. As a part of this exciting event, SDMEA will host the 2nd Annual Music Educators Banquet. This Banquet will be held on Friday, October 30 in the Rushmore Plaza Convention Center. During the banquet, we will recognize our 25, 30, 35, and 40 year service to music award winners. In addition, special recognition will be given to our 2009 Distinguished Service to Music Award recipients and the 2009 Distinguished Administrator Award.

Your registration for the SDMEA Conference includes the Banquet costs. Individuals may purchase banquet tickets for \$25 each. While the delicious meal is served, delightful entertainment will be provided. In addition, a brief presentation on the advocacy of music education in our state will be presented, including the privilege to recognize fellow music educators. The banquet is scheduled during the Friday evening rehearsal to ensure your attendance.

We ask that you email RSVP banquet only requests to Susan Karels by October 22, 2009 at the address found above. Conference participants may continue to register at <http://www.sdmea.net/documents/pdfs/SDMEA%20Conference%20Registration.pdf> or by contacting Mindee Birnstiehl at Mindee.Birnstiehl@k12.sd.us and you will be included in the banquet count.

We look forward to seeing you our 2nd Annual SDMEA Banquet on Friday, October 30, 2009 at 7:00PM in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Room F.

Best wishes for a great start to your school year.

Sincerely,

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