



**South Dakota New Teacher Partnerships**  
**A Mentoring Program**

**GREAT BEGINNINGS ...**

1. CONGRATULATIONS on your **NEW JOB AS A MUSIC TEACHER!**  
or  
CONGRATULATIONS on becoming a **MENTOR FOR A NEW MUSIC TEACHER!**
2. Contact and register your information with the Teacher Partnership Chair on the SDMEA website for [New Music Teacher Partnerships](#).
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3. Mentors and *Mentees* should make contact. While it is best for the Mentor to make the first move, if you are a *Mentee* - please don't wait. Make contact with the Mentor to whom you have been assigned and anyone else you might choose as your personal mentor(s).
4. Open and consider each document in the folder. SDMEA has designed this program to be simple in that the documents are combined for both Mentor(s) and *Mentees*. Most are organized in tables with Mentor information on the left and *Mentee* information on the right. Additionally, Mentor text is in a traditional font, and *Mentee information is in italics*.
5. The documents are available as either Microsoft WORD documents that can be saved and edited for your personal use, or as pdf's that can be downloaded and printed for use as hard copies. Use whatever system works best for you.
6. You are highly encouraged to adapt all documents and information to use in a way that is helpful to you.
7. Congratulations on your participation in this program. We look forward to your feedback and opinions about the SDMEA Mentoring Partnership so it might continue to improve and be helpful to new Music Educators in South Dakota.

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