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JEI Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring. As the year draws to a close, I want to draw your attention to a few points:

- 1) The website (www.jeiowa.org) is up and running. Spread the word to others visit often to see what's new.
- 2) Congratulations to Steve Lawson on his induction into the JEI Hall of Fame! He was honored at the Iowa Jazz Championships last week and will be honored again at the All-State Jazz Ensembles concert at IBA.
- 3) Please make plans now to attend the All-State Jazz Ensembles concert at IBA! It will take place on Saturday, May 16, at 11:00 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Fort Des Moines. (Participating directors: music and detailed information were mailed this week). Guest directors are Dean Sorenson and Chris Merz, and both bands will be impressive this year.
- 4) As we think about next year, please consider encouraging other teachers to join JEI--especially our newer teachers. We have a membership full of experienced teachers who would love nothing more than to help the rookies get started. Joining JEI and taking advantage of its networking potential is probably the single best action a new teacher could take towards developing a strong jazz program.
- 5) We want your feedback! If you have any ideas on how JEI can help, please let us know!

Sincerely,

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