



2025 Tariff Impacts on K-12 Music Education - May 23, 2025

In early 2025, the Trump administration enacted a series of sweeping tariffs designed to recalibrate U.S. trade relationships and stimulate domestic manufacturing. While positioned as an economic safeguard, these tariffs are having a direct and measurable impact on K-12 schools, especially in the performing arts. A detailed memo has been sent via National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) leadership that outlines what is known at this time.

This week separate yet comparable letters were sent to school administrators/business office personnel and music educators from Laurie Fellenz, WSMA Executive Director, that highlights what is expected currently and initial recommended actions to consider:

- Tariff Letter to [School Administrators](#)
- Tariff Letter to [Music Educators](#)

Wisconsin Music Strong, a coalition of state music nonprofit associations, school administrators, music retailers and industry professionals coordinated by WSMA, has reconvened as of May 1, 2025 and will meet regularly for 2025-26 to ensure that our schools and businesses have timely and factual information as we work together to navigate the impacts of tariffs as a community committed to access for all to music and arts education in our state.

Additional information and updates will be shared at:

<https://wimusicstrong.wsmamusic.org/>

In addition to *Wisconsin Music Strong*, WSMA will support our schools with communication, planning and budget forecasting tools and our affiliate organization, Wisconsin Music Educators Association (WMEA) will release advocacy materials that support conversations with school administrators, school boards, retail colleagues and elected officials. Your state associations are ready to support and serve our schools, students and music educators.

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