

# **Stronger Together**

## **They're not Mine, They're not Yours, They're Ours**

### **Synopsis:**

Correlation and unity between feeder schools is essential to the success of any program. This session will share proven practices and ideas to facilitate the unification between High School and Junior High/Middle School music programs and improve retention rates during the transition to High School. This clinic will assist directors find meaningful ways to work together for the success of their programs and their students. It's all about the student!

### **Attrition Rates in School Music Programs**

- **NAfME**
  - 15% loss after 6th grade – first year of playing
  - 12.5% loss after 7th grade
  - 15% loss after 8th grade going to high school
  - 10% loss per year after 9th grade
- **School Band and Orchestra Magazine April 2003**  
<http://sbomagazine.com/2950-89survey-recruitment-and-retention.html>
  - 10% loss per year average

### **Building Collegial Relationships...**

### **Developing a Band Program Culture ...**

### **Challenges...**

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**How do you make this work?**

**Things we did...**

**What Happens if...**

**Pitfalls...**

**Stronger Together!**

- What are you willing to do for your students?
- In every case working together is better than work against each other!

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