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Key takeaways from:

Rural Music Matters: Practical Strategies for K-12 Music Educators

Plan your K-12 role shifts on purpose.

- Intentionally adjust language, demeanor, and expectations as you move between elementary, middle, and high school.
- Use consistent routines for each level so you can “switch hats” quickly without burning out.

Stop running big projects solo – design your delegation.

- For things like musicals, contests, and marching season, list all the tasks and assign them to parents, colleagues, and student leaders.
- Ask for help early and clearly to prevent the “sleeping at school during tech week” pattern.

Treat flexibility as a program-saving strategy.

- Invite students to try new instruments or roles when gaps appear; make switching normal and celebrated.
- Build a people network (nearby schools, colleges, virtual experts) to fill specialized needs your town can’t provide.

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