



## **Music for Hope Pre-pilot Program**

Currently IFSI (Immigrant Family Services Institute - in Boston: [ifsi-usa.org](http://ifsi-usa.org)) a 501c3 non-profit, is partnering with NEPTA to provide their students piano study opportunities. NEPTA will be launching this pre-pilot program with a small group of students to begin, but IFSI has more students interested if we wish to grow the program. This will enable NEPTA to reach out to a diverse community of students, most of whom are in the Boston Public school system, and help our teachers who lost students due to the pandemic.

- Teachers wishing to participate must be active NEPTA members and will be chosen by lottery. All names are kept confidential.
- The pre-pilot program will begin in February 2021 and run for 15 weeks.
- Teachers may set their own schedules with the chosen student.
- Teachers may receive compensation of \$35/half hour per student, or donate their time to teach these students in need. NEPTA teachers receiving compensation will be paid every 2 weeks throughout the 15 week session.
- Participating students have been provided a digital piano and computer in their home and are currently set-up for online lessons.
- Student book fees are covered by NEPTA's Music for Hope donations. Teachers can purchase books for their students and get reimbursed from NEPTA Treasurer, Shizue Sano.
- Ongoing fundraising through the annual Music for Hope recitals will raise funds to keep this an ongoing program.
- An online recital will be held at the end of the 15 week session for all of the participating students and their teachers.

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