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As a 2019 Emerging Leader nominee of the Florida Music Educators Association Emerging Leaders program initiative, Ms. Svetik presented with a panel of young educators at the 2020 Florida Music Educators Association state conference about the potential of a violin program to enrich the lives of young students in the downtown Sarasota community. As a result of these conversations, Violin Project Sarasota held its pilot program last academic year.