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Dear Choral Director,

Thank you for bringing your students to the 29th Annual NDSU High School Choral Festival. We will try our best to make it an exciting and worthwhile event for you and your singers!

The schedule for the choirs is attached so that you can make plans accordingly. We are sure you realize that the more preparation the students have before they arrive, the better the musical experience will be for them throughout the festival. If they have not learned the music before we begin rehearsals, they will not be able to contribute positively to the ensemble and will adversely affect those students who came prepared to make music. You will find the link for the rehearsal tracks at https://www.ndsu.edu/performingarts/music/festivals/index.html

We hope you were able to use the rehearsal tracks as you prepared your students. Thank you for the time you spend with them to get them ready for this event outside of your busy schedules.

Please plan on attending the concert of the NDSU Concert Choir and Madrigal Singers on Sunday afternoon. Registration for the festival will begin at 1:15 p.m. and the concert will be from 2 – 3 p.m. Rehearsals will begin after the concert. We feel that attending the concert is an important part of the choral festival and we would like all of the students to have this experience.

Dr. Mariane Lemieux, Dr. Robert Jones and Dr. Jo Ann Miller will meet with seniors who are interested in participating in music at NDSU on Sunday evening from 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Please send us the names of the seniors who plan on attending this meeting. We would like to have enough materials and space for everyone.

If you have a junior or senior participating in a voice master class, the schedule will be included in your registration materials. We ask that students come prepared by singing an appropriate song that they are currently studying or bring a selection which they prepared for contest last year. Due to the scheduling of the master classes, we request that you notify us at the time of registration if you have any cancellations.

The closing concert will be at 5 p.m. on Monday and will feature all four of the festival choirs. The concert will be free and open to the public. We will have a light snack for the students between the final rehearsal and the concert. For the concert we would like the students to wear the t-shirt they will receive at registration. Beginning Monday morning, the students can wear the t-shirt for the entire day. They may also wear jeans (without holes) and tennis shoes, which will eliminate the
need to change clothes and locating a place to keep their dress clothes after you have checked-out of your hotel.

NDSU will also be recording the concert and we will make the sound files available to you so that you may share them with your students.

We would like to recognize the students who have participated in the Choral Festival all four of their high school years. We would appreciate it if you could send us those names.

You will find parking permits for Monday in your registration packet. Buses must park at the Fargo Dome.

If you have any questions, please contact us and we will try to respond promptly. Again, thank you for taking the time to bring the students to this event. We always look forward to working with these groups and meeting with the directors who accompany them.

Sincerely,

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