Dear Colleague,

We hope that your academic year is off to a great start! Please accept this letter as an invitation for you and your students to join us for the following event:

**Thirty-First Annual University of North Dakota Honor Band, Choir & Strings Festival**

As noted above, we have expanded our Festival to include string students this year. These students will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of experiences including chamber ensembles, a large string ensemble, and related activities.

Please share this information with your students, and encourage them to audition to be a part of this event. Our faculty will be touring the state for Honor Band and Honor Choir auditions during the fall semester. Information concerning selection of the string students for the Festival is included in this mailing. The Honor Band, Choir & Strings Festival is scheduled for the weekend of January 22-24, 2016. All high school music students in grades 10-12 are eligible to audition. Specific information concerning this audition process can be found on our web site (www.undmusic.org).

The rehearsal and performance schedule for the Festival weekend will be similar to previous events. As in the past, we plan to include an opportunity for all visiting directors to share coffee and pastries together on Saturday morning of the Festival while the students are in rehearsal. I hope you can join us!

To reserve audition times for your students wishing to audition for the Honor Band and Choirs, please complete the registration form found online. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call our Department of Music office at (701) 777-2644.

Thank you for your continued support of the UND Honor Band, Choir & Strings Festival. Our goal is that this Festival will provide outstanding music educational experiences that enhance and support your own music programs!

Sincerely,

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