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September 6, 2019

Dear Southwest Region Members,

It is my pleasure to host the 11th annual Sweet Harmony Music Festival on Monday, October 14, 2019 at Avonworth Middle School. The guest conductor will be Mrs. Casaundra Williams, adjunct faculty member and gospel choir director at Pittsburgh CAPA 6-12 for the creative and performing arts. Mrs. Adrianne Davis Kelly of Duquesne University & Carnegie Mellon University will present a workshop for the teachers. I am truly looking forward to working with both presenters and I know this will be a day filled with excitement, enthusiasm, laughter and music!

Registration: To register, complete the Director Information Form and a Student Application Form for each participant. You will be contacted with the names of the young women selected to participate based on director ranking and voicing needs. You must be an ACDA member in order for your students to participate.

Music: Music packets will be sent to you after student participation is confirmed. Please remind your students that this is a day to focus on process and learning, not a polished performance. Music preparation is expected prior to the festival, but memorization is not required. Please assign parts on whatever is the most vocally healthy and comfortable for your boys.

Payment: The fee for each student is \$30 and \$15 for each director. This covers administrative costs, conductor and accompanist honoraria, lunch provided by the choral music department, and a snack. We will send an invoice for you to submit to your district. If parents are paying for their child's participation, please have them put the student's name in the memo on the check. Please return completed forms to:

Michael Warren Avonworth Middle School 256 Josephs Ln Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Forms must be received by Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Looking forward to seeing you and your students in October!

Sincerely,

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