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Dear All Cape Choral Members:

First, congratulations on your acceptance into the All Cape District Festival of Massachusetts! You represent some of the state's finest young musicians in the state and you should be proud of your accomplishments. It is an honor to be creating music with such wonderful musicians. I am a product of the All Cape Festival as I participated in the festival as a high school singer—I am proud to continue the tradition of musical excellence with you.

Prior to your arrival for the first rehearsal, there are a few things you need to prepare in order to have a successful concert. Please listen to the repertoire and familiarize yourselves. I have provided some YouTube links for your convenience. I have selected to omit one recording:

*The Last Words of David* by Randall Thompson (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTAUcutcC10>)

*My Flight For Heaven* by Blake R. Henson (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=De49X362CFA>)

*Baba Yetu* by Christopher Tin

*Fly to Paradise* by Eric Whitacre (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0xPQw3yGmc>)

When listening to the selections, think critically beyond the notes and focus on the stylistic differences between the songs. Our job is to bring this music to life and perform it the way they are intended to be performed. Please take your music and work with your teachers to learn your parts ahead of time. Be aware that there are solos in *Baba Yetu* & *Fly to Paradise* that we will be holding auditions for.

When you arrive well rested on the first day, have the following items with you: water, pencil, snacks (peanut-free) and a wonderful attitude. I am so excited to meet you all and I look forward to our performance together. Feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have any questions.

Kindest regards,

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