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**Deep In The Heart of Kodály**

November 2009

Dear Administrator:

The Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE) will hold its National Music Education Conference in Dallas, Texas, March 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Three national choirs are an integral part of this conference and a nationally recognized conductor will conduct each choir. Each choir is composed of singers who auditioned from many states in the nation.

I am very pleased to inform you that student(s) from your school have been selected to participate in one of the three 2010 OAKE National Conference honor choirs. This is a tremendous honor for your student(s), the choir director, your school and community.

The singers will need to be in Dallas from the opening rehearsal, Wednesday afternoon March 17<sup>th</sup>, through the culminating performance on Saturday evening, March 20<sup>th</sup>. They will have a very intense rehearsal schedule while in Dallas, and I know this will be a memorable educational and artistic experience for each singer.

Please accept this letter as a request for excused absences for the following student(s):

on the days they will be participating in the prestigious OAKE National Conference Choir. Thank you very much for your support of quality music education for all children.

Sincerely

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