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Dear Administrator,

The annual **Texas Choral Directors Association (TCDA) Summer Convention** offers an exceptional professional development experience for choral educators, designed to support excellence in music literacy and teaching. Our convention features a wide variety of clinics, concerts, and exhibits, all strategically coordinated to provide a cohesive, educational, and inspiring experience for music educators at every level.

Over 50 clinics at the TCDA convention are presented by state and national experts in choral music education. Directors can attend sessions focused on choral pedagogy, repertoire planning, ensemble techniques, vocal health, music literacy, program administration, technology integration, legal considerations, and much more.

Additionally, TCDA conventions also feature concerts by community choirs, professional vocal groups, and our auditioned Elementary Honor Choir and MS/JH All-State Choir. Attendees are inspired by these performances and return to their programs motivated to achieve higher standards of musical excellence.

Networking with industry representatives is another invaluable component of the convention. Meeting face-to-face with music publishers, uniform and apparel providers, student travel companies, and other industry professionals helps choral directors build relationships that support the growth and success of their programs.

A particularly valuable offering is the **New Teacher Academy**, a day-long session specifically designed for first-year teachers. The curriculum covers classroom management, student motivation, communication with administrators and parents, an overview of state and national choral organizations, social media best practices, legal responsibilities, budgeting, and professional development strategies.

TCDA exists to assist our membership in achieving the highest standards of choral music education. We sincerely hope that your school district will recognize the value of supporting your choral directors by sending them to our convention this summer. For any questions, please feel free to reach out to the TCDA Board of Directors or administrative staff.

Sincerely,

Texas Choral Directors Association Board of Directors

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