**Surround the State in Song**

**Sample Parent Info Form**

***\*Please consider sending out an information letter to your parents once you have students in mind for Surround the State in Song. Below is a SAMPLE Letter for you to use as a template. Please edit to make all of the information relevant to your school and festival location.***

**What:** Surround the State in Song Choral Festival **For:** Select Local 5th and 6th Grade Students **When:** Saturday, October 13th, 2018 **Time:** 9am-5pm (Approximate Concert End-Time); Public Concert Begins at 4pm **Where:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We are very excited to present a unique festival opportunity for our young singers! Surround the State in Song is a festival that happens simultaneously in six North Dakota locations (Bismarck, Jamestown, Minot, Dickinson, Fargo, and Grand Forks). As a school, we will be attending the festival in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ located at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Our clinician for the day will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The festival is an enrichment opportunity for young singers to perform in an honor choir along with other select singers from the area, and to learn from a guest conductor.

Your child is bringing this information home because he or she was invited to participate based on their behavior and performance in class! If you should choose to send your child to this event, please sign the permission slip at the bottom and return it by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This is a select opportunity with only six slots available for each school, so we ask for full commitment to the festival and music preparation.

Lunch on the date of the event is still TBA. We will let you know closer to the event how our location is handling lunch. Students may need to provide money for lunch or pack a sack lunch. If you have any allergy concerns or dietary restrictions, please let me know.

The festival will be held on Saturday, October 13th. The festival begins at 9am with registration and students will stay all day through the public concert at 4pm. The concert is open to the public at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The concert admission is $5 to attend (12 and under get in for free). Students should wear neat black pants, black shoes, and a comfortable shirt to rehearsal. Students will receive a T-shirt the day of the event for the performance. Please send a sharpened pencil, a water bottle, and their music packet with your child the day of the event.

**\*\*Additional information to include in this letter:**

-How the students will get to the festival: Some schools may need to bus their students in. If your festival location is in the same town as your school, you can have parents drop their child off for the day and pick them up after the concert.

-Registration cost: Some schools/Booster groups/PTAs are fortunate enough to cover the cost of registration for their students, other schools ask parents to pay the $15/$25 per student. Please include this information so parents know what is included and how much the event costs. Note that NDACDA would like one check from your school, so please have parents make the checks out to your school so you can write one check from your school to NDACDA.

-Additional information on music preparation: You may choose to use some of this repertoire in your class for a fall concert or you may need to hold additional rehearsals outside of class time to prepare the students. Include any plans you may have for keeping students after/before school for rehearsals. Also include the link for rehearsal tracks. Students can practice on their own, too! [**http://www.ndacda.com**](http://www.ndacda.com)**.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ give permission to my student \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to participate in Surround the State in Song, October 13th, 2018.