



January 8, 2015

Educators and Students of the 2015 All-District 9 High School Chorus,

Happy 2015! Welcome back from what I hope was a peaceful and restorative winter break. It is with great excitement and anticipation that I await our first rehearsal together. I am deeply honored to be your guest conductor this year. I offer the following suggestions to help you prepare for our first rehearsal.

First of all, please number the measures in each of the pieces, which will save us all a lot of time in rehearsal. Simply number the measures as they come, in succession from beginning to end; do not go back and re-number any of the repeats.

The attached annotations are organized by song, measure number, and voice part. Where no voice part is specified, the note applies to all parts. By "release," I mean the beat in which we will execute the final consonant and subsequently breathe. Please mark all of this information in your music so that we don't have to waste time repeating this in rehearsal.

Again, I am so looking forward to making music together. See you in a couple weeks!

'Sing'cerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Cerutti". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joe Cerutti  
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