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Directors,

As many of you know, the elementary mass choir event is undergoing some changes this year. In order to cut some of the enormous expenses that are required to have the event at War Memorial, we have decided to move the venue. (We also didn't have much of a choice—War Memorial scheduled another event during our reserved days.) We realize the way we have set things up this year is different and may not be the best for some of you. Having said that, I would encourage all of us to look at this year as a transitional year, and if things don't work out splendidly, then we can look to other alternatives for next year.

Elementary Mass Choir will be held at two locations this year: Station Camp H.S. in Gallatin (north location), and Blackman Middle School in Murfreesboro (south). The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>	AM group at <b>Station Camp</b> rehearsing from 9-12, concert that evening at 7
	PM group at <b>Blackman</b> rehearsing from 1:30-4:30, concert that evening at 7
Friday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>	AM group at <b>Blackman</b> rehearsing from 9-12, concert that evening at 7
	PM group at <b>Station Camp</b> rehearsing from 1:30-4:30, concert that evening at 7

These times are set up so that directors from each region will have the choice of an AM or PM group. Each group will be capped at 200 participants on a first come, first serve basis.

Please look for the updated Elementary Mass form on the website; if you cannot access one, please contact me and I will mail that to you. If you have already sent in your forms, please contact me with the dates and locations that you would prefer and I will make those changes for you. Also please look for the music lists to be posted on the website and available through J.W Pepper by the end of the week I will be corresponding with you other information as soon as it becomes available (directions, dress, etc..) I know the lack of information regarding these changes has been frustrating and I apologize for that, and thank you for your patience during this transition.

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