Hello Region 16 Directors,

We are excited to be performing again this year in Buddy Holly Hall. Upon arrival at BHH, have the buses drop off your group on the south side off of Mac Davis. Enter through the main set of double doors EAST of the Box Office. Buses may park in the parking lot directly south of BHH. After sight reading, your students will exit through the south-facing doors on the WEST side of the Box Office. Your contest materials will be located by the exit door.

You will check in just inside the East entry doors. <u>Please have your set of three judges'</u> <u>scores with measures numbered and Form 1 ready for check-in.</u> In addition, please turn in your announcer, recording, and stage set-up forms, which you will find on the UIL Region 16 Website. <u>https://uilregion16music.org/</u>

When you enter, please have your choir go to the platform area near the entrance to the Hall, unless they are performing next, in which case, they will line up on the East Wall next to the Warm-up Hall. Please ask your choir members to be quiet in the lobby at all times and to not block the walkway for audience members or choirs going to perform.

During the contest, each choir will have a student host who will guide them throughout the day. Please plan your arrival, so you may go directly to warm-up. We would like to keep the foyer clear, except for a single choir waiting to go in to warm-up. The lobby is located directly outside the warm-up room, so **please be sure that your groups remain quiet in the lobby area**. Please have your non-performing students enter the auditorium as soon as possible to keep the foyer area as uncrowded as possible. Do not leave your students unattended by a chaperone **ever.** All audience members will enter the first floor. The judges will be judging from the second level, and no one else should go to that level. The upper levels will be locked.

Please remember that our venue is a professional facility and should be treated accordingly. Prepare your students to use appropriate, respectful behavior, so we will be allowed to use this as a contest site in the future. Please do not allow your students to put their feet on the backs of the chairs and do not allow individuals to wander away from your group.

There are many restaurants on University, which is just one mile west of Ave. Q, such as Raising Canes, Chik-fil-A, Panda Express, Firehouse Subs, Whataburger, and many more. Ave. Q has a few restaurants to offer as well.

Outside food and drink are not allowed in Buddy Holly Hall. If you want to bring snacks for your group, you will need to leave them on the bus and access them there.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to contact me. My number is (806)790-8740. My email address is <u>ronscat@gmail.com</u>.

Sincerely,

~ Catherine Stevenson 2025 UIL Choir Host