Concerning the posting of audition results:

If you have questions -- A part of my work as a teacher is teaching students how to handle auditions: how to handle good news with grace, how to handle bad news with dignity, how to ask for feedback in a constructive and professional way, how to make future decisions carefully and as dispassionately as possible, and so on. It is in this spirit that the following procedures are set in place.

Anyone with questions about his/her audition can contact Mr. H, via e-mail, beginning 48 hours after the audition results have been posted; such e-mails should be sent to Valenzuela\_cole@silverfalls.k12.or.us. Feedback will be provided to those that send e-mail requests; this is so that detailed and thoughtful information can be provided, which serves as a better teaching and diagnostic tool.

The 48-hour reflection period allows for a chance for a student to more carefully consider what it is that they want to know in order to learn from the audition. This also provides ample time for auditioners to honestly assess their performance in choir this year and throughout the audition process. Please be patient in waiting for a response; each email is given careful consideration. Also, all audition results and related information will be destroyed on June 22nd, so all audition questions must come prior to that day.

Parents​ - while I understand your eagerness to act as your child's advocate, I respectfully ask that you let your child sort this out on his/her own first. Soon enough most of these students will be interviewing for college admission, interviewing for jobs, and/or auditioning as adults; they will need to learn how to gather information and ask the right questions, in the right way.

Students ​- in the case of most auditions, few people actually achieve the complete result for which they hoped. Some get part of what they want, some fall short. No one can decide for you what you do next if you don't achieve what you wanted; it is the hope that, whatever you decide, you do so after having carefully considered what choir and music at Silverton High School has meant to you, and what you might accomplish regardless of the ensemble you are placed.

Remember that every single student is going through "audition pains"; the over-celebration of good news can be very hurtful to those who don't have as much to celebrate. On the other hand, one can be disappointed with his/her own results and still happy for a peer. Please be as sensitive to others as you want them to be to you. Be aware that your reaction, particularly via social media, may affect your placement in any Silverton High School music ensemble for next year.

We are fiercely proud of every student in our care, and promise to give each student in each choir that same extraordinary care and attention!