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Dear Excellence in Education Committee,

In this year of 2020, students are still singing in class, as well as auditioning for scholarships and Southern California Vocal Association Competitions. We sent 6 students to audition (at \$10.00 per student) and had 3 winners. They are: Angela Yang, Zionna Brown and Genevieve Mariano. Though this may not seem a "Big" deal, the following information is important. SAMOHI, or nearest competitor usually gets upwards of 10 students in honor choir. Additionally, Hamilton, the music Magnet, Cleveland and Cortines, the Fine and Performing Arts Magnets send students to audition. Hamilton and Cleveland do not have any students in honor choir and Cortines got two students in. Again, Venice Swept the district, getting three students into SCVA Honor Choir. Their Honor Choir packet/expense is \$40.00 per student.

To get to this point, of course we have been using online singing software "Sight Reading Factory" which is not covered by the district. Sight Reading Factory is an online program where the students can continue their sightreading skills from class, read the music, record their singing and then send the synchronous file to me so that I may listen to them sing pitches and rhythms accurately. The Sight Reading Factory software has proven invaluable for students auditioning for Collegiate Scholarships. They build their online sightreading skills to prepare them for vocal placements, theory classes and performance programs. SRF is the gift that keeps on giving for singers as the levels may be adjusted from very beginner to very advanced in preparation for the AP Music Theory Exam.

In these interesting times of Choral Music and singing, I am great-full for your support, so that we may continue to help our Venice Students in their extraordinary pursuits in music, and representation of Venice.

I hope you may consider how your assistance helps students move towards scholarships and careers.

Thank you always for your support towards "Excellence In Education"! Please Stay Well, Stay Safe and know how much you all are appreciated by us.

Best

Wendy Sarnoff