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Dear Oyster River Middle School Chorus parents and students,

WELCOME to the 2015-2016 school year! I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Jarika Olberg and I am originally from the seacoast area. I spent the first few years of my career exploring a bit professionally. I started in Portland, ME working at a private K-12 school for two years, traveled to Florida to teach K-5 music for a year and found my way back home to establish a private voice studio. During this time I received my certification in Somatic Voicework, The LoVetri Method, which is a fantastic system of teaching contemporary vocal music. In doing so, I realized I couldn't be away from public schools, and that calling led me to Oyster River.

On that note, this year I will be challenging the Oyster River community to GET INVOLVED with music. The vocal ensembles, parents and ORMS staff will be encouraged and provided with opportunities to be a part of music making in any and every way possible. Whether it be listening, attending performances, trying new musical instruments, teaching and mentoring others, exposing our community to all styles of music, or making musical connections within and outside the Oyster River community. Big or small, we all play a role in - and influence how - music is created, recreated and experienced in our society. I hope you are ready to be a part of it. Its going to be FANTASTIC!

With this transition will come some change and I hope you will join me in making this a successful year! I have put together this packet of information which should provide you with everything that you need to know about the ORMS chorus classroom. Please do not hesitate to email, or call with any questions. This material and my contact information can be found at: www.jarikaolberg.com under the ORMS tab.

Again, I could not be more thrilled to be the new chorus teacher here at Oyster River. The community has been warm, welcoming and full of positive energy. I look forward to meeting and enjoying music with each and every one of you! I cannot believe Fall is already upon us, but ready to begin this journey with you.

All the Best,

Jarika Olberg