

NSBSD School Board Members,

In 2019, the North Slope Borough purchased our first Wenger StageTek risers and Nota chairs, replacing a homemade set that had shown significant safety issues. This investment dramatically improved both the safety and professionalism of our choir program.

The Need

Today, our choir program has grown beyond capacity. With full attendance, we do not have enough seating, nor the space to add more chairs. The only safe and effective solution is to add another Wenger StageTek riser row and additional Nota chairs.

Why Wenger StageTek and Nota

- **Compatibility & Safety:** New StageTek risers integrate directly with our existing system. Other brands cannot align safely, creating structural risks.
- **Built-In Safety:** Guardrails, chair stops, stabilizer braces, and secure deck-to-deck locks exceed industry standards.
- **Consistency & Longevity:** One system ensures interchangeable parts, warranty protection, and reliable long-term maintenance. The company warranty has already been honored twice with two existing products we have of theirs including shipping.

Student Benefits

- Nota chairs promote healthy posture, breathing, and vocal projection.
- Proper riser height gives all singers clear sight lines and balanced sound.
- Stable, level platforms reduce fatigue, increase safety, and boost confidence on stage.

Conclusion

Expanding with Wenger StageTek and Nota is the only safe, space-efficient solution to meet our program's growth. This purchase builds on the Borough's 2019 investment, protects student safety, and directly supports their musical success.

Thank you for your support of our students and our program.

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