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To Whom It May Concern,

Nathan Wubbena has been a teacher at Sunset Middle school, one of which I was the principal. Mr. Wubbena has proven himself to be an effective educator in the Performing Arts department. He has held a variety of positions as a choir director, working with a number levels including conducting ensembles of the Boulder Children's Chorale. He has high expectations for students and staff and is able to motivate them to attain their personal goals. Nathan demonstrates a resiliency that enables him to stay focused on the big picture. In fulfilling the cognitive coach role of student advocate, Mr. Wubbena has always stressed academic discipline in an empathetic manner.

In addition to his direct interaction with students, Mr. Wubbena works effectively with colleagues. He possesses a collaborative and even-tempered style that endears him to his co-workers. Nathan is a good listener and is able to pull a group or team together to accomplish a common mission. In simple terms, people like being around Nathan, they respect him, and they will follow his lead. When faced with adversity or obstacles Nathan will carry out the tough decisions in order to help students grow.

In the area of vocal arts, I am impressed with the knowledge Mr. Wubbena has acquired. He has a solid background in instructional pedagogy with an emphasis in a performance based class. He knows how to promote and model a positive school climate and is always looking to improve. Mr. Wubbena worked closely with parents, at times providing needed counsel in an understanding manner.

Nathan is reflective and is able to make changes for improvement. Most importantly, Mr. Wubbena genuinely wants to make a difference as an educator. Nathan will spend the time and effort with the students, staff, parents, to be successful and supportive. I highly recommend Nathan to your site/district as he will be an asset.

Thank you for your consideration, sincerely

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