



The Mighty Bears

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of reference for Mr. Nathan Wubbena. I have been very blessed to work with Nathan for the past three years. He is an enthusiastic young music educator, who's passion and work ethic has greatly impacted vocal music at the school level, district level, and state level.

In the last three years Mr. Wubbena has substantially increased participation in vocal music. Historically Coal Ridge High School only had two choirs and no drama program. Today CRHS has a men's choir, women's choir, and varsity choir and will be putting on their second musical this school year. When Mr. Wubbena decided to put on the first ever CRHS musical he rallied the community behind him and his school. He had local businesses donate all of the concessions as well as items for a silent auction to create a drama budget. This fundraiser helped CRHS sustain a musical theater program as the years go by.

At the district level Mr. Wubbena has been a great colleague. Rifle High School and CRHS have been collaborating with their concerts for the past two years. Last year we had the opportunity to work with CMU and Symphony in the Valley to put on a community concert with an orchestral accompaniment. This year we will be working together to bring double choir pieces to the towns of Rifle, Silt, and New Castle. Mr. Wubbena has been very helpful with organizing the District 8 Fall Vocal Music Festival, by securing clinicians for the past two years. This year Mr. Wubbena is organizing a vocal music festival for middle school age students. Nathan's work with the two festivals has impacted thousands of students in District 8. I believe that his work helps promote vocal music and encourages students' continued learning.

Mr. Wubbena is the District 8 Governor for the Colorado Middle School All State Choir. Last year he spent many hours going to meetings, judging, and helping to implement the first annual All State Choir for middle school. I like others are very thankful to those who step up in our field and volunteer their time to help encourage the young music students of our state.

Mr. Wubbena's involvement at all levels makes him the perfect candidate to receive the Outstanding Young Music Educator Award. I give Mr. Nathan Wubbena my highest recommendation to CMEA. If there are any questions concerning Nathan please contact me at dgingrich@garfieldre2.org or 970-665-7746.

Sincerely

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