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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation at the request of Mr. Nathan Wubben. He is seeking a teaching position in choral music. Mr. Wubben was a student teacher for me at Ralston Valley High School from January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 through March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. His teaching assignment consisted of one men's chorus, one women's chorus, one large mixed chorus and one chamber mixed ensemble and AP Music Theory.

Mr. Nathan Wubben has worked with each ensemble extensively in rehearsal and performance settings. He brought many strengths to our rehearsals, but most importantly his classroom management and ability to relate to the students were beyond his age and experience. His significant talent in singing lent a great deal to his credibility and he was able to demonstrate outstanding vocal technique to each ensemble. His ability to show the students how to use their voices and bodies as they sing is significant to the success he has enjoyed. In addition, he was very creative in translating correct vocal technique to the young women in each ensemble through his humor and knowledge.

Mr. Wubben was most concerned with his ability to communicate with the students effectively. He has shown significant growth in this area, and is now quite comfortable with each ensemble and the differentiation in instruction necessary to be successful. I had no doubts about Mr. Wubben's abilities to communicate after the first week of school. He has been well prepared by the University of Northern Colorado. However, I believe his desire to be an outstanding choral music educator and his positive attitude are his most significant strengths.

Mr. Wubben also volunteered to work on our musical, which paralleled his time at Ralston Valley. This is not an insignificant time commitment. We spend seven to ten weeks at least three hours a day, and more the last two weeks rehearsing and preparing our musical. Mr. Wubben was here for nearly every rehearsal! I have never had a student teacher offer to spend this much extra time. He got no university credit or pay for that commitment other than the knowledge and experience rehearsing and planning musical production. Mr. Wubben showed an amazing willingness to do whatever it took to learn about teaching and to get the job done, regardless of the job.

Mr. Nathan Wubben is going to be a spectacular teacher when given the opportunity. I can't wait to see how far he goes in the field, and the great music he will create with his students. I anticipate nothing but the best from Mr. Nathan Wubben.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Talley", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Jeff Talley  
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