



May 6, 2014

Dear Prospective Employer;

I am writing to support Mr. Nathan Wubbena's candidacy for a prospective position within your school district as a faculty member. I had the privilege of teaching Nathan several years ago as he pursued his undergraduate studies in music education at University of Northern Colorado. My contact with him was as his conducting teacher, choral methods teacher, and faculty supervisor during his student teaching placement. I also worked closely with Nathan as faculty advisor to our student ACDA (American Choral Directors' Association) Chapter, to which he served as president. Since my work with him at UNC, Nathan has clearly become a leader in choral music education in our state. In his current position as Choral Director at Coal Ridge High School and Riverside Middle School, he has brought 15 students to Elementary All State over the last three years, expanded the Coal Ridge Choir program from 36 to 83 in just one year, and won the Sweepstakes Award for 1A-3A at Colorado West Music. His choirs consistently are awarded superior ratings at state and area choral contests. Mr. Wubbena has additionally developed Coal Ridge's drama program and directed their first musical this year. Furthermore, he was selected to serve as District 8 Representative for Colorado Middle School All State Choir Board.

I have found Mr. Wubbena's work to be exemplary in all areas: as a music educator, vocal performer, conductor, musician, and as a dynamic young leader. He is particularly mature in his approach to teaching, possessing insights and strategies that far surpass most of his peers, and is a natural in the classroom. His competence in the classroom reflects an intuitive and creative approach that would typically be seen in a veteran teacher, coupled with an enthusiasm and passion for excellence. Students are challenged and encouraged to aspire to their highest level through his empowering leadership. His understanding of rehearsal techniques and classroom management are particularly strong.

I can say without a doubt that Mr. Wubbena's work both in his current position and while at UNC exemplify integrity and professionalism. He is certainly most qualified for a position with your institution. I would welcome any further conversation with you regarding Nathan's qualifications; please do feel free to contact me at the contact numbers listed below.

Most Sincerely,

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