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To Whom It May Concern:

I am honored to have been asked to write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Nathan Wubbena. I am the band director at Sunset Middle School and Nathan has been our choir director for the past three years. Nathan is a very fine teacher and colleague. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge, not just of music information, but technology skills, teaching strategies, classroom management, etc. He is young, enthusiastic, and open minded. And finally, he is a fine musician himself.

For the past several years our school has been in the process of becoming an IB accredited school. One of the tasks that we were charged with was to develop our various class units on a program called ManageBac. I did not get along with ManageBac. I found it a very frustrating program to use and did everything I could to avoid using it. I wrote my units out by hand and did not set the best example for our new young choir director, Mr. Wubbena. It didn't take long for him to learn the program, and then he was helping me instead of the other way around. I have witnessed his skills in designing his choir website, along with other examples like creating programs and fliers for his classes. He certainly has the technology skills to be able to use technology to aid his teaching.

Another trait that Nathan has is his enthusiasm, confidence, and the ability to be open minded. In the three years we have worked together, he has taken the choir program that he was entrusted with and has made it his own. He started an after school a cappella group. Last year he started a summer a cappella camp for students from around the district. He has done choir performances where he has combined with our jazz band and orchestra to accompany the choirs. He is always open to trying new things in his classroom and his teaching. Just recently he adopted a unit that I had done for years with my band students, changed it to fit what he wanted, and is now doing it with all of his choir students. He is always finding new and fun ways to approach his teaching.

Finally, Nathan is a fine musician himself. I have seen videos of some of his personal past performances, and I have heard him sing with his students. He even was asked to sing in his interview for his position here at Sunset. I know he has been involved with some various a cappella groups in the region. He is always busy guest conducting and taking on leadership roles in various state level choir organizations like All State Choir. Through all of the things he is involved with, he seems to manage himself very well. While mentoring him, I questioned the amount of work that he takes on as a young teacher, but he enjoys the challenge and he never seems to let it shake him. He is truly dedicated to the work he takes on.

It is because of the knowledge that he brings with him, his enthusiasm and open mindedness, and his dedication to music, that I recommend Nathan Wubbena for any teaching position that he would seek out. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him these past three years and know that he will do great things no matter what position he is in.

Sincerely,



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