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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to support the nomination of Nathan Wubbena to receive the Outstanding Young Music Educator Award from CMEA. Nathan is in his fourth year of teaching choir and is currently at both Coal Ridge High School and Riverside Middle School. Working at two different schools is challenging for veteran teachers, yet Nathan has managed to work at both schools, engage the students at both schools, and develop outstanding programs at both schools! During his time at CRHS and RIV he has dramatically increased the size of his program due to his great skill, enthusiasm and incredible ability to develop positive relationships with his students. Nathan has done an outstanding job instilling a sense of confidence in the young men and women with whom he works! In fact, due to Mr. Wubbena's outstanding dedication, CRHS put on its first musical in the 2013-2014 school year and it was top notch! Nathan is so willing to share his talent and dedication that he writes his own arrangements for his ensembles.

Last year Nathan was able to help organize Fall Vocal Clinic, which had 500 singers involved. And this year he is organizing a Middle School Festival Choir for District 8! Nathan is so enthusiastic that outside of his "regular" job he also performs with the Defiance Theater in Glenwood Springs. His students' watch him perform and are in turn inspired to follow his lead!

Mr. Wubbena is not only dedicated to his students but also his peers. He works well with other music teachers throughout the district and has even gotten a group of teachers together to keep their passion alive and sing. This group is so great they have been invited to perform at various events.

And Nathan is passionate about his own learning and growing. Nathan is a member of both CMEA and ACDA and actively participates in those organizations.

We are very fortunate to have this Outstanding Young Music Educator on our team at Garfield Re-2! He is absolutely deserving of this fine award.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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