



Fremont High School

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Dear Selection Committee:

It is with utmost pleasure that I write this letter to recommend Mr. Geoff Anderson to be considered for the honor of being named Teacher of the Year in the Weber School District. With an extraordinary career spanning three decades, Mr. Anderson has profoundly impacted the lives of countless students, colleagues, and community members through his exceptional dedication, talent, and passion for music education.

Mr. Anderson's journey as an educator began at Fremont High School, where he embarked on a mission to ignite a love for music in his students. Over these last five years being back in Silverwolf Country, I have watched Mr. Anderson tirelessly pour himself into every student he works with. He knows them by name, he knows their likes and interests. He knows how to motivate them and get the most out of them musically, as well as intellectually. Over the years, his influence has extended far beyond the classroom, leaving an indelible mark on the Performing Arts Department and the entire school community. There is hardly a graduated Silverwolf who doesn't know the very talented "Mr. A." He was a part of Fremont when we opened our doors, and at this our 30th year anniversary, he looks to retire. This is a man who is known far and wide by the Fremont community.

As the Department Head of the Performing Arts Team, Mr. Anderson has demonstrated exceptional leadership and is an agent of change at Fremont High School, fostering a tight-knit group of teachers that has produced countless memorable musicals and performances in the community. His ability to inspire and collaborate has been instrumental in creating a culture of excellence within the department, enriching the lives of students and audiences alike. Mr. Anderson even in his 30th year as an educator, he lead out with our school CLT (Collaborative Leadership Team). He presented to the staff and helped our singletons to see through a clearer lens that PLC work is paramount for singleton teachers in order for us to "move the needle" at Fremont and raise the bar with "like demographic" schools across the state. After attending the Solution Tree Conference he shared this renewed sense of confirmation with the faculty and touched hearts with a story about why what teachers do in each of their respective contents matters so much! He shared about his own teacher and when he was a young teenage boy in the small town where he grew up, it mattered for him! His choir teacher changed his life, and even though she could not have known it then, the time and care that she gave to him then is a true super power that teachers have each and every day!

Throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Anderson has amassed a remarkable list of accomplishments and contributions to the field of music education. His tenure as the UMEA Choral Vice President (2008-2010) and his involvement in the UMEA State Choral Committee (2003-2022) are testaments to his dedication to advancing music education at both the state and national levels. Additionally, Mr. Anderson's leadership roles, including serving as the UMEA President (2021-2023) and participating in the NAME National Leadership Assembly roundtable in 2023, highlight his commitment to advocating for music education and shaping its future.

Mr. Anderson's impact extends beyond the classroom and into the broader community. His involvement in prestigious events such as having the opportunity to be the Choir Director for the LDS Semiannual General Conference in 2006 and 2017, as well as his role as the Weber School District Honor Choir Director. Both of these events respectively showcase his talents on a national and local scale. Furthermore, Mr. Anderson's accolades, including being named the Music Educator of the Year by UHSAA in 2017 and receiving the Sorenson Legacy Award of Excellence in Art Education in 2020, speak to his exceptional contributions and dedication to his craft.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. Anderson's influence in the school community is immeasurable. His creation of the beloved tradition "Dickens," which brings joy and unity to Fremont High School each Christmas season, is a testament to his creativity, leadership, and commitment to fostering a sense of community and celebration. Mr. Anderson has spent countless hours cultivating and creating with his students and we are so grateful for the time intensive energy he has dedicated over the years to every student who has entered his classroom.

As Mr. Anderson embarks on his well-deserved retirement and begins his next adventure as the Conductor for the Bells at Temple Square, we celebrate his extraordinary legacy at Fremont High School. His impact on students, colleagues, and the broader community will be felt for generations to come, as he leaves behind a legacy built on excellence, passion, and unwavering dedication to music education.

In conclusion, Mr. Anderson is someone that a principal has a once in a lifetime opportunity to work beside. He understands "the big picture". A year has not gone by where he has not "leveled-up" and that is hard to do when you are already GREAT at what you do. He leaves the Silverwolves with an incredible 80 Region Superior ratings and an absolutely incredible 45 State Superior ratings. A superior rating being the highest marks received in a Choir Competition. We are lucky to have known him, lucky to have learned from him, and so very lucky we get to call him a Silverwolf!

It is without hesitation that I wholeheartedly endorse Mr. Geoff Anderson for the esteemed honor of this year's Teacher of the Year in the Weber School District. His remarkable contributions, tireless dedication, and profound impact on the lives of students and colleagues make him an exemplary candidate for this prestigious recognition.

Most Sincerely,

Alicia Mitchell, Principal
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