

My name is Jessica Springer, and I hereby nominate my colleague from Carlisle Elementary/Junior High in Carlisle, Indiana for this year's Indiana MTA Teacher of the year.

Wendy was hired, fresh out of college, with the Southwest School Corporation as a new teacher in 2019. I do not know squat about music, and I can not carry a tune, but what I see Wendy doing with our music program is magical.

As I'm not great with all the facts, I do know that she has taken an almost dead music program for our middle school and brought it to life! In the few years she has been with us, she has grown the middle school band three times its original size from when she took over.

Wendy is super involved in everything music and students. She started taking our students to Circle the State competitions, enriching their music experiences by providing field trips to musical ensembles, and band competitions in our region.

In addition to all the wonderful things Wendy is involved with our school music program, she and her newlywed husband have taken on the responsibility of fostering students from our school corporation.

To say that Wendy is pro-student, would not be enough. She definitely goes above and beyond the duties of a music teacher; all with a smile on her face. I do not know much about music or teaching music, but I know my students love going to music class now because she engages them in learning and makes it fun!