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SCHOOL CORPORATION STRIVES FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

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Dear Indiana MTA,

I would like to take this opportunity to nominate Mr. Chuck Alfrey as the IMTA Indiana Teacher of the Year. This is Mr. Alfrey's second year at Randolph Southern Jr.-Sr. High School. He is an outstanding teacher that has completing revitalized our music and band program. Mr. Alfrey is a 34 year veteran teacher holding a Master's Degree from Ball State University. He is an accomplished Band Director earning several state championships throughout his career in percussion, winds, and winter guard. Mr. Alfrey's previous music programs have earned superior rating in orchestra and marching band. Randolph Southern School Corporation is a small rural school located in Lynn, Indiana. Our band and music program was in disarray. Mr. Alfrey has created a passion, energy, and excitement that has not occurred for many years. For example, the band had not competed at the Indiana State Fair for almost 20 years. In the 2021-2022 school year, Mr. Alfrey formulated a game plan to obtain needed instruments, raise funds for uniforms, and recruit students back into the program. As a matter of fact, he called upon past colleagues in other states to help acquire shakos. Further, he wrote and received grants issued by the Community Foundation of Randolph County for purchasing band instruments. Additionally, Mr. Alfrey personally built mobile units for transporting sound equipment and instruments during competitions. The band placed 2nd in the 1A class and were 1st in for 1A in color guard. Further, they finished 17th in the overall performance for all schools and missed the top 16 by .75%.

Mr. Alfrey's passion has bled over to the elementary whereby the culture has changed to inspire and encourage kids to participate. He has made it cool to be in band! For the first time, senior band members have their poster up alongside athletes in the high school gymnasium. It has been amazing to watch our students' talent blossom while performing the National Anthem, Sweet Caroline, or Queen. The Christmas program was a sellout and the students treasured the tunes performed. The school corporation purchased 20 guitars for a new class this year. Mr. Alfrey and the students performed 3 songs for the audience with only a semester to practice.

Randolph Southern is truly blessed to have Mr. Chuck Alfrey and we hope he is considered for the Indiana MTA Teacher of the Year.

Professionally,



Dr. Donnie Bowsman, Superintendent