

NOMINEE'S NAME: BRANDON IVIE

BUILDING AND CURRENT JOB ASSIGNMENT: HS/MS Music Department

State why this individual should be honored as Outstanding Person in Education (Some examples might be the approach to his/her job, teaching techniques, the way he/she deals with students, involvement in union, involvement in the community, etc.) PLEASE BE VERY SPECIFIC; DETAILS ARE ENCOURAGED!!

BRANDON IVIE is recommended for the Outstanding Person in Education Award. I have had the pleasure of working with Brandon for over 20 years and have been consistently impressed by his dedication to his students, his passion for music, his incredible teamwork, and his overall excellence as a teacher and colleague.

Brandon is a master musician with a deep understanding of music theory and practice. He is able to communicate his knowledge to his students in a clear and engaging way. Brandon also has a gift for recognizing and nurturing talent in his students. He challenges his students to grow and improve, and he always celebrates their successes.

Brandon creates a positive and supportive learning environment in his classroom. He also helps students to develop important life skills such as teamwork, perseverance, and self-discipline.

Brandon is also committed to building relationships with his students. He takes the time to get to know each student individually and to support them both academically and personally. Plus, he's got a wickedly quick, dry sense of humor and is just lots of fun to be around!

Under Brandon Ivie's direction, the school band has received numerous superior ratings at state and regional solo and ensemble festivals. He encourages his students to participate in honors band opportunities, brings in expert clinicians to work with his ensembles, collaborates with area directors, and has had students perform at Disney

where they work with master musicians. He hosts nationally known musicians for concerts and workshops and has ensembles perform at numerous community functions and festivals, just to name a few.

Brandon is currently the treasurer for the executive board for the Boyne City Education Association, where he brings creative ideas forward in meetings. He is an “outside-of-the-box” thinker and problem-solver with a calm and reflective temperament that is often needed in decision making.

Brandon is a Renaissance man! Along with teaching grades 5-12 instrumental music, he is also the vocal music director for the middle school drama department and coaches a summer golf club for middle school students.

His willingness to always have the band ready to send off athletic and other co-curricular teams to the playoff or other special events is a true testament to his collaborative school spirit.

I highly recommend BRANDON IVIE for the Outstanding Person in Education Award. He is a truly outstanding teacher who has made a significant impact on the lives of his students, our staff and this community.