

Monday December 14, 2015



Dear Members of the Wheatland Chili Board of Education,

This letter is to request approval to commission a piece of music from Mr. Lawrence Tallman our Graduate of Excellence from 2015. Mr. Tallman is an accomplished composer and has written many pieces for schools, universities, and church ensembles.

The piece of music we wish to commission is the Alma Mater for Wheatland-Chili. Attached to this proposal you will see our current Alma Mater. This piece has not been performed in the last 14 years at Wheatland-Chili mainly due to is being a single line melody with no harmony structure, or piano arrangement. We are requesting for Mr. Tallman to take our current Alma Mater and bring it into the 21st century.

Our new Alma Mater will include:

- Sophisticated vocal parts for advanced singers (middle school/high school)
- Simple melody vocal parts for our younger singers (elementary students)
- Piano accompaniment (for performances by the choir only)
- HS Band Arrangement (for performances by choir and band combined)
- Simple band arrangement for our younger players (elementary/middle school)

Mr. Tallman, being a graduate of Wheatland-Chili, will use elements of our old Alma Mater and weave them into our new arrangement. We will honor our graduates who remember our current Alma Mater.

Mr. Tallman fees for commissioning a piece of music are usually \$2,000 and higher. He has agreed to write this piece for us at a drastically reduced rate of \$500. This is a thank you to the community and school for selecting him as a graduate of excellence.

Thank you for taking this proposal into consideration,

Sincerely,
The Wheatland Chili Music Department

Alma Mater

