

JODY HENDERSON



Jody Henderson (Music Teacher, Band Director – Sisters School District 1996 – 2011) – A Music Teacher On a Mission. Jody was described as the “soul of Sisters High School” during his tenure. During his time as music teacher, band director, and choir director for students throughout the Sisters School District from September 1996 through June 2011, Jody inspired, mentored, taught, cajoled, influenced, and coached hundreds of students to achieve more than they ever thought possible. Under his direction, SHS won numerous district, conference, festival, and state titles, including 2nd, 3rd, and 5th place finishes in state competitions. He encouraged students to master their crafts, ultimately leading some students to attend some of the finest music schools in the country. Perhaps most importantly, Jody connected with his students and motivated them to go “above and beyond” and to leave their comfort zones. Upon his departure in 2011, the Sisters School District Board Chairman said of Jody: “Jody was so much more than the band teacher. He was the person who really touched kids’ lives. He made a difference in a lot of kids’ lives. He is just an amazing person.” Jody’s influence on students continues in Woodstock, Vermont, where he moved in 2011 to be closer to family and where he remains band director. Not surprisingly, Jody was named Teacher of the Year for the Woodstock Union School District soon after his arrival in Vermont.



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