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**RAY APONTE RECEIVES FIRST-EVER “CHAMPION” AWARD
FROM THE MINNEAPOLIS YOUTH CHORUS**

MINNEAPOLIS, June 8. Ray Aponte, outgoing principal of Jefferson Community School in Minneapolis, is the first recipient of the Minneapolis Youth Chorus’ MYC Champion Award, given in recognition of extraordinary service to the chorus. The award was presented by MYC Founding Conductor Pat Arasim at a ceremony earlier today.

“Since MYC’s founding in 2007,” said Arasim, “Ray Aponte has been a welcoming presence. He has energetically championed our work, most notably by providing a dedicated rehearsal space that has come to feel like home. We are enormously grateful for his support, and wish him well in his new assignment.”

Aponte has been named the principal at Northrop Elementary School in Minneapolis. He will be succeeded at Jefferson by Bridget Hall.

A program of the Minnesota Chorale, MYC is a partnership with the Minneapolis Public Schools that enables students in grades 4-8 to develop their musical gifts in an environment that celebrates diversity and artistic excellence. MYC charges its members no fees for participation; the program is funded entirely by the Minnesota Chorale via grants and individual contributions.

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