



## Memorandum

To: Board of Education  
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent  
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications  
Date: September 21, 2021  
RE: Extra Mile Service Award

Jared Jones is our September Extra Mile Award recipient. Jared was nominated by his colleague Holly Smardo at Washington Junior High where Jared serves as the band director. Holly says Jared is absolutely worthy of this award and others agree with her. Jared has been nominated numerous times for going the Extra Mile at WJHS. When Mrs. Smardo arrived in Bentonville Schools four years ago, Jared offered to share his personal office space without hesitation. He's also known for supreme generosity with his time. Despite the fact that his wife is due to give birth to their second child any moment, Holly shared with us his car is the last to leave the lot each evening. He routinely stays late to work with his student-musicians, maintain the school's audio technology or prepare for the next concert. WJHS Principal Tim Sparacino says simply, "He's the absolute best."

Jared has been a part of the Bentonville Schools family for 12 years. Please join us in appreciating our Extra Mile Recipient Jared Jones.

### **About the Extra Mile Award**

Any individual may nominate a Bentonville Schools employee by going to our [website](#). Nominations will be considered by administration and that employee's direct supervisor. Nomination rules and regulations will be posted on the website prior to the start of the nomination process.