



## Memorandum

To: Board of Education  
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent  
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications  
Date: February 15, 2022  
RE: Extra Mile Service Award

Carson Rankin is our February Extra Mile Award recipient. He was nominated for his calm and collected leadership when a student suffered a medical emergency on a school bus. Carson is an art teacher at Bentonville High School but has also driven a bus for the last 18 years in Bentonville.

On January 31, Carson was driving his route when a student approached Carson to say her boyfriend was suffering from what she believed might be a seizure. Carson immediately secured the bus and called 911. While waiting for emergency responders, Carson worked with the 911 dispatcher to make sure the student was safe and his head secured. He recruited other students to help the ailing young man. Together, they gently restrained him and moved him safely into the bus aisle where Carson continued to relay critical medical information to the dispatcher.

In Carson's statement to transportation, he carefully articulated the scene and the eventual arrival of first responders. We're so pleased to share the student made a full recovery and has returned to school.

Carson Rankin is a professional educator who stepped up in a big way to thoughtfully care not only for the student in danger but all of those on his bus. Join us in recognizing Carson Rankin, our February Extra Mile Award Recipient.

### **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.