



Memorandum

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

This month, we honor four Bentonville Schools employees with our Extra Mile Award. Laney Doan, Lindsey Jones, Lynn Rhuda and Gabby Steen make up the district social work team. They were nominated for this honor by Marisa Snow, a counselor at Ruth Barker Middle School. Marisa wrote she has watched these ladies go the extra mile for years. In her nomination, Marisa explained the challenge for teachers to educate students who are experiencing trauma. It's in those situations that our social workers provide the greatest impact.

Our social workers conduct home visits, address attendance issues, support students who have lost a loved one and provide food, clothing and shelter to those facing extraordinary hardship. They quietly go about their work of serving others with unending compassion.

March is National School Social Worker Month. It's our honor to present these four women to the Bentonville Schools Board of Education. We ask you to join us in recognizing Laney, Lindsey, Lynn and Gabby as our March Extra Mile Award Recipients.

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.