

School Board President's Report  
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Good evening. Thank you to everyone in attendance here in the auditorium and online. I am glad that we have taken the positive step of returning students to in school instruction this month. Our effort in that regard is not complete. I look forward to Dr. Steinhauer's report tonight detailing how we build upon that progress.

As we have navigated public education during a pandemic, accounts of the great work and extra effort by faculty and staff members have been shared with us. And some rise above even the best.

### **Extra Mile Award Presentation**

I am pleased to begin the new year by recognizing a District staff member with an Extra Mile Award. Ms. Allison Landau, a Hoover Elementary School Personal Care Assistant, was nominated for an Extra Mile Award by her colleagues Jill Calkins, Emmy Lou Nelson, Paula Hogenmiller, Kait Lear, Kelly Richards, and Mike Hansberry.

In their nomination letter they state:

"Allison is an exemplary employee, often arriving to work more than an hour early for her shift everyday. She comes to school with a smile on her face and a desire to do whatever it takes to help her students and colleagues succeed. Her remarkable positivity and sense of humor give a boost to all of us who have the pleasure of knowing her and working with her.

Allison is always willing to help and regularly puts others before herself. She goes above and beyond to support all students and staff at Hoover, not just the children she works with directly. She has an innate ability to recognize when children need help, and how to best deliver the needed assistance. She makes connections with students and adjusts her interactions based upon students' needs and abilities.

Allison's sense of professional responsibility is also remarkable. She can be counted on to carry out all components of any aspect of her work. Frequently this results in her bringing in ideas and/or materials to make improvements or adjustments as needed. She often helps with tasks far beyond the scope of her job.

Everyone in the building knows that if they need something, they can not only count on Allison, but that she is happy to help in any way that she can. With the many demands and challenges that 2020 has thrown our way, we have been extremely fortunate to have Allison on our team.

We are beyond lucky to have Allison as part of the Hoover staff and we appreciate her more than any words can adequately express."

On behalf of the school board and my girls, Lily and Greta who are watching at home, I would like to congratulate and thank Ms. Landau for being the wonderful, dedicated person that she is. There is no higher compliment than being recognized by one's peers. She is in the Zoom meeting with us.