



Memorandum

To: Board of Education

CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent

From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications

RE: Extra Mile Service Award

Date: January 17, 2023

If you've ever attended an athletic competition, you know the facilities in Bentonville Schools are second to none. In this academic year, more than 550 home events have been held on our campuses. The grounds crew in Bentonville Schools includes Jaime Duenas, Jaime Duenas, Sr., Candido Sanchez and Jose Vizcaino Bringas. The group is led by Jon Cottrell. These five men maintain a dozen athletic facilities across the district. Athletic Director Scott Passmore says, "They're a highly dedicated crew with a lot of pride in their work. We consider ourselves beyond blessed to have these men in athletics."

During recent snowstorms that pelted NWA in November, the grounds crew spent hours in freezing temperatures. They manned leaf blowers, clearing the bleachers and dragging the field at Tiger stadium on the tightest of deadlines in advance of playoff football. "That game wouldn't have taken place without their readiness and drive," Passmore added. Our facilities represent the excellence that is Bentonville Schools.

Join us in congratulating Jon, Jaime, Jaime Sr., Jose and Candido.

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.