



## Memorandum

To: Board of Education  
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent  
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications  
Date: January 26, 2021  
RE: Extra Mile Service Award

Alyssa Adams is the January Extra Mile Award recipient. Alyssa was nominated by one of our parents, Kirsten Williams, for her commitment in the classroom. Alyssa is a math teacher at Washington Junior High and says instilling confidence in her students is a game changer, most especially in the area of math.

Kirsten's son, Brock, came home from school on a Friday afternoon beside himself his mom says. There may have been some tears and declarations that he wasn't going to make it in math. The seventh grader had missed a few days of school and fallen behind on an assignment. Kirsten emailed Mrs. Adams to see what could be done to help her son. Alyssa offered to set up a Google meet once her husband returned home from work so he could care for their baby. As Kirsten describes it, Alyssa taught students all week long and then jumped on a Google meet for another hour to start her weekend. At the conclusion of their meet, Kirsten said her son turned off his laptop with a smile on his face. Since then, he's met with Mrs. Adams before school to stay on track in her class. Kirsten eloquently pointed out in her nomination that Mrs. Adams helped her son at the expense of time with her own family. She says that's, without a doubt, going the Extra Mile.

Join us in congratulating Alyssa Adams.

### **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.