



## Memorandum

To: Board of Education  
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent  
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications  
Date: June 15, 2021  
RE: Extra Mile Service Award

Faith Guidry is a first year orchestra teacher at Old High Middle School. Her first year of teaching was completed in the midst of a global pandemic often times with no face-to-face instruction. Despite the challenges, she relied on her infectious enthusiasm for music to keep her students plugged-in and playing. When a student had to be quarantined who desperately wanted to remain at school, Faith taught orchestra in-person and set up a Google chat for the student simultaneously. The student's classmates all shouted out a hello prior to the start of instruction.

As the 2021 spring semester drew to a close, Faith organized the first socially distanced concert at Old High in a year's time. She tearfully recounted, from the stage, how it was the first time she had met her parents, leaving much of the audience teary eyed with her. The audience felt her sincere passion for teaching and it was clear how she had kept her rookie musicians on track. Faith Guidry loves her students and loves her job.

For her commitment, she was nominated by two members of the administrative leadership team for the Extra Mile Award in the month of June. Join us in celebrating Faith Guidry.

### **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.