



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications
Date: July 17, 2020
RE: Extra Mile Recognition

Bentonville Schools will celebrate Kim McCool Tuesday, July 21, as our first Extra Mile Award recipient. Kim is employed in the role of Central Office Administrative Assistant. More recently, however, she served as critical leader for our Emergency Education Program. The EEP was established in March to educate students belonging to moms and dads serving on the front lines against COVID-19. The school allowed children belonging to nurses, doctors, police, fire fighters and first responders to come to a brick and mortar setting even though schools were closed by order of the state government. The EEP allowed parents serving in essential roles to continue their work without the worry of child care.

With little time to prepare, Kim was tasked with keeping the EEP staffed. She worked early mornings, late nights and weekends making sure all classrooms were covered and teachers knew their assignments. EEP was a tremendous because of Kim. More importantly, she completed her work, exhibiting the southern hospitality we've all come to adore. Kim McCool is the epitome of customer service and it's our great honor to celebrate her with the Bentonville Schools Board of Education.

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.