



Memorandum

To: Board of Education
CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent
From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications
RE: Extra Mile Service Award
Date: May 16, 2023

Jesse Collett is the Director of Orchestras at Bentonville High School. He was nominated for the Extra Mile Award five times in the last month alone. We heard from parents and students alike who spoke of Jesse's commitment to his student-musicians. Time and time again, they wrote of his willingness to sacrifice family and personal time to support his students as they pursue their own dreams. "If asked to walk an extra mile for his students, he will go two and then carry them a third," penned parent Megan Willardson.

Jesse is in his 14th year of employment with Bentonville Schools. One might think it must be pure joy to be surrounded by beautiful music every day, but Jesse shared the real music is the voices of his students. "They are kind, empathetic and compassionate people," he says. "I'm interacting with some of the most brilliant minds on campus. I learn as much from them as they do from me."

Please join us in extending our gratitude to Jesse Collett.

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.