



Memorandum

To: Board of Education

CC: Dr. Debbie Jones, Superintendent

From: Leslee Wright, Director of Communications

RE: Extra Mile Service Award

Date: March 14, 2023

Jeri Schulz is one of those employees you might not meet until you need her in a big way. We find ourselves on the other side of her desk in the best and worst of times. Maybe one has just been hired, or is getting married or caring for a sick child. Jeri is the go to for everything pertaining to benefits in Bentonville Schools. She celebrates and laments with each employee, but, more than that, she is a fiercely loyal colleague. Jeri is known for her relentless pursuit to care for any Bentonville Schools employee. She was nominated for this award by Ruth Barker Middle teacher Marla Burger. Marla inadvertently made an error in some of her insurance benefits documents. Not only did Jeri catch the mistake, she called the insurance provider to advocate on behalf of Marla. She's done the same for teammates injured while working. Actually, the list of people who have benefitted from Jeri taking up their cause is a lengthy one.

Jeri has been with Bentonville Schools for almost seven years. She could hide out behind her desk amongst the intense load of paper work, but she says it's those human connections that keep her going. The stories about the first baby on the way, the need for braces for the oldest child or glasses for the colleague approaching 40. The reality is all of that paper work is tied back to a human, a teammate in the district. We applaud Jeri for her commitment to the people who make up Bentonville Schools.

Please celebrate with us Jeri Schulz, Benefits Coordinator for Bentonville Schools.

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.