

# Nominate a Kent ISD staff member for The Leading Learning Award

Anyone is welcome to submit a nomination!

## How does it work?

Students, staff, parents/families, visitors and community partners are invited to complete and submit this nomination form to recognize any Kent ISD staff person. There are two distinct categories of the Leading Learning Award as shown below. Most nominations will align to one or the other. It is not necessary to nominate a staff member for both. Regardless of which category is selected, nominees should demonstrate one or more of Kent ISD's organizational values of:

**Relationships – Learning – Equity – Opportunities  
Innovation – Service – Excellence**

## Name Your Nominee

The person being nominated is: Tawnie Hartzel

School or Department: Transportation

## Select an Award Category Going Above and Beyond

### **Going Above and Beyond – Setting an Example**

While small acts of kindness and general support are very important and always appreciated, this recognition is intended for contributions, actions and impact that are truly above and beyond, having a substantial impact on one or more parties.

### **Being a Leader of Learning**

Any Kent ISD staff person is eligible for the Leader of Learning category including instructional, non-instructional, support staff, and administrators, because leadership can and should emerge from every level of an organization.

Being a Leader of Learning is typically not based on a single event or contribution, but is instead reflective of a sustained effort and demonstrated commitment over time to lead by example, time, and talents toward an effort that directly or indirectly elevates the achievement, opportunities, access or wellbeing of our learners and/or colleagues.

*Detail your nomination in the next section.*

## Detail Your Nomination

Please describe how this staff member has been a “leader of learning” and what impact they have had.

Tawnie Hartzel is an experienced driver that has spent years fostering relationships with the families on her routes. On a Friday one of her students left behind a jacket on her bus, one that he has worn and loved for years. The family returned home from watching Wicked Friday evening to realize he had lost his jacket. However, mom realized that the jacket had already been delivered to the house. Upon reaching out to Tawnie it was confirmed that Tawnie found it on the bus, and knew that it would be difficult to get through the weekend without his beloved jacket. So after work Tawnie drove it to the house, and left it there for them. Mom called the transportation department to let us know how much they appreciated that Tawnie took the initiative to make this delivery after hours.

This nomination is submitted by: Mark W. Higgins Date: 06/05/2024

My role or relationship to Kent ISD:

- Kent ISD staff: Location ESC
- Student: Location \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent of a Kent ISD student
- Community agency or local district partner
- Community member

Do you wish for the staff member nominated to know who submitted this form?  Yes  No