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Madison, IN: Madison Consolidated School announces 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year.

We are very excited to announce Mrs. Kathy Stoner as the 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year for Madison Consolidated Schools.



Mrs. Stoner is a 26-year employee of Madison Consolidated Schools and has spent her entire career at Deputy Elementary School. She has taught Special Education, First grade, and Second grade and currently teaches First and Second grade ELA (English Language Arts) classes. Kathy has a great sense of humor, is humble, compassionate, and has a genuineness about her that lets everyone around her know she cares, regardless of the situation.

Her actions are a daily reflection of her compassion. She is the first one to reach out when she sees a need with students and/or staff and will do whatever she can to help or support. Kathy works hard to develop relationships with students and their parents and sees this is a priority for

their overall success. Most days at lunchtime you will find her eating in the cafeteria with her students because "that is where I learn the most about them, by just having conversations with them," shares Stoner.

With a heart for mentorship, Mrs. Stoner has trained many student teachers throughout the years who have gone on to become wonderful teachers themselves. She loves to share her passion for teaching, and each of the student teachers leaves with an understanding of the importance of compassion and building relationships with students.

Since the inception of our district eLeader initiative, approximately six years ago, Mrs. Stoner has supported staff as the eLearning Tech advisor and specialist at Deputy Elementary. She is an avid user of technology in her classroom and helps others effectively integrate tech into their daily instructional delivery. Kathy is also the district's Reading Mentor representing First-grade teachers, she serves on the School Improvement Committee for Deputy Elementary and teaches summer school as a way to continue to support struggling students.

Each year Madison Consolidated Schools honors one teacher (certified employee) and one non-certified employee (not a teacher) who are nominated through various methods in recognition for their passion for our students, their job, and education.

Congratulations, Mrs. Stoner and thank you for your continued passion for education and our students! Kathy lives in the Lexington area with her husband Steven and has three sons Robby, Andrew, and Ryan.