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Madison, IN - Stoner named new Principal at Deputy Elementary, Crim to backfill first grade



On December 14, 2022, the Board of School Trustees approved the hiring of Mrs. Kathy Stoner as the new Principal at Deputy Elementary School. “We are very excited about this hire for Deputy,” shared Dr. Teresa Brown, Superintendent. “It is evident that Deputy is a community centered around our school and Mrs. Stoner’s experience, compassion for families, and commitment to excellence make her the perfect candidate to continue the growth and success at Deputy Elementary.”

Stoner was awarded the district’s Teacher of the Year in 2019-2020 and has spent her entire nearly 30-year career at Deputy Elementary School. Since beginning in 1994, she has taught Special Education, First grade, and Second grade. Additionally, she serves as an English Language Arts mentor across the district for new teachers and works with our team of other first-grade teachers to align curriculum, assessments, and standardized report cards. Kathy also serves on the School Improvement Plan committee, is a Title 1 tutor for students before and after school, and as the building eLeader since 2013, she assists teachers with onsite tech troubleshooting, helped to establish the initial eLearning implementation, and now supports and models effective virtual teaching delivery as the district transitions to the synchronous learning model.

With a heart for mentorship, Mrs. Stoner has trained a number of student teachers throughout the years who have gone on to become wonderful teachers themselves. She is highly regarded among her peers as an educator, is compassionate but upholds a high standard, and is ingrained within the Deputy community.

"I am very excited to begin my new role as Principal with an incredible team that I have spent my entire career working alongside to create wonderful learning environments for students," shared Stoner. "I know the work we do together has an impact not only inside the classroom but within our little community of Deputy!"

Stoner holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Hanover College and a Masters of Science in Education from Indiana University Southeast with an additional 30 hours to earn Special Education and English endorsements.



With Stoner's promotion, the first-grade position will be filled with a familiar face. Mrs. Camille Crim will return to the classroom to fill Stoner's vacancy. Crim began her career at Deputy in 2015 as a 2nd-grade teacher. After three years, she took a year home with her children, returned in 2019 to cover an extended leave, and has been an Interventionist with the district since 2020. "I'm excited to be back in the classroom," she shared. "My goal is to help each student show growth academically as well as to impact the lives of my students by teaching and modeling life skills that they can implement for the rest of their lives! I want to continue to make a difference

and have an impact in the Deputy community. Deputy Elementary is a home to my children and has been a huge blessing in my teaching career!"

"We are very excited about the opportunities this presents for Mrs. Stoner and Mrs. Crim, as well as, our Deputy families, and are happy to have both of them staying within our building," shared Janet McCreary, outgoing Principal. McCreary was recently promoted within the district to Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.

The transitions will begin immediately and be complete by the start of the second semester in January.