

Governor's Teacher Recognition Award  
**Bonnie Sturm**

Narrative:

It is truly an honor to recognize Mrs. Bonnie Sturm as the Byram Intermediate School selection for the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program award. Mrs. Sturm's commitment to her students and the school community is outstanding and we can attribute much of her students' success to her influence.

Before joining the Byram Township School District, Mrs. Sturm graduated from Centenary College where she demonstrated a true sense of commitment and dedication to her studies and has brought the same commitment to her classroom. As an educator, Mrs. Sturm has been more than just an instructor of content and pure academics, she has been a mentor, coach, advocate, and a friend for all of the students that have passed through her class. And now, as a teacher in the Byram Intermediate School, Mrs. Sturm has had the opportunity to influence students at a different stage in their life. In the most recent years, Mrs. Sturm has served as a fourth grade teacher and currently as fifth grade teacher. In these positions she has held different responsibilities, and has performed successfully in both. As a fourth grade teacher, she worked hard to make sure the students were ready to make the transition to the Intermediate School, and they always performed well. Now as a fifth grade teacher Mrs. Sturm has dedicated herself to securing the foundation of mathematics our students will need as they head through their Intermediate School years.

Mrs. Sturm has been an active member of the Intermediate since her arrival. During her time as a fifth grade teacher, she continues to be instrumental in team meetings and departmental articulations. We are thankful for all that she has done and continues to do on a daily basis, and she is truly deserving of this honor.