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ADE Names School Safety Coordinator

LITTLE ROCK — In an effort to promote a safe school environment and provide continued leadership, support, and service to Arkansas public schools, the Arkansas Department of Education has named a school safety coordinator to assist districts with implementing school safety measures. ADE's Doug Bradberry has assumed this new role.

As the school safety coordinator, Bradberry will assist schools and districts with developing school safety policies and procedures. He also will assist districts with comprehensive school safety assessments, will work with the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation regarding revisions to the "Arkansas Public School Academic Facility Manual," and will collaborate with the Governor's Office to implement recommendations provided by the Arkansas School Safety Commission.

"When I created the Arkansas School Safety Commission in March 2018, I tasked the commission with providing recommendations that would improve school safety for all students," Gov. Asa Hutchinson said. "The commission provided a very comprehensive list of recommendations for consideration. I commend the Department of Education for making school safety a priority and reallocating an existing position to assist districts with their efforts to improve school safety for all students."

Bradberry has worked at the ADE for almost 14 years. During his time at the department, he has worked in the Commissioner's Office, Curriculum Unit, and Research and Technology and has provided assistance for the State Board of Education and the Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap. Through his various roles at the department, Bradberry also assisted with drug education and safe school efforts, including providing support for the Arkansas School Safety Commission.

For more information about school safety and to read the commission's report to the governor, visit <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/safety>.

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