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ADE Partners With MLK Commission for 2018 MEGA KINGFEST

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education is proud to partner with the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission to live stream the 2018 MEGA KINGFEST event at 1 p.m. January 15, 2018, at North Little Rock High School.

ADE partnered with the commission to live stream last year's event, which was held at Little Rock Central High School. More than 2,000 Arkansans attended the event in person, with many more watching online. The MEGA KINGFEST event is one of the nation's largest celebrations honoring Dr. King.

"We are excited to partner with the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission again this year to make the 2018 MEGA KINGFEST event available to everyone," ADE Commissioner Johnny Key said. "As we transform Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education, it is important that every student have the opportunity to not only learn about Dr. King but also embody the values of equality that he promoted. Dr. King left a lasting legacy that applies to us all. I encourage schools that are in session on Jan. 15 to make the live stream available to all students."

"I am excited about the events happening across the state during King Week 2018," said DuShun Scarbrough, executive director of the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. "This is the first year following the historic separation of the King-Lee holiday that was signed into law by Gov. Asa Hutchinson in March 2017. This also is the commission's 25th anniversary, and we wanted to make sure we formed as many partnerships as possible to increase our outreach statewide. I am especially excited about the partnership with the Arkansas Department of Education to live stream the program across the nation. All of the events during King Week are free and open to the public, and we invite everyone to get involved through attendance or volunteerism."

To access the live stream on January 15, please go to <http://www.arkansased.gov/state-board/watch-meeting-live>. The commission also has several events scheduled next week to celebrate Dr. King's legacy. To learn more, please visit the commission's website at <http://www.arkingdream.org>.

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