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Smith Named Assistant Commissioner of Learning Services

LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key is pleased to announce that Stacy Smith has been appointed assistant commissioner of Learning Services. Prior to her permanent appointment, Smith served as the interim assistant commissioner after Dr. Debbie Jones left to become the deputy superintendent at the Bentonville School District.

“Ms. Smith has done an outstanding job leading the Learning Services division as interim assistant commissioner,” Key said. “She is a strong leader who embraces teamwork and educational excellence and will be an outstanding assistant commissioner.”

As assistant commissioner, Smith oversees the largest division at ADE. Prior to serving as the interim assistant commissioner, Smith was the director of the Curriculum and Instruction unit at ADE, a position she held since July 2014. As director of the unit, Smith oversaw the curriculum standards writing process for multiple subject areas, most recently math and English language arts. She also led the implementation of the Response to Intervention Arkansas initiative.

Before joining ADE, Smith served as the principal at Hill Farm Elementary in the Bryant School District from 2012 to 2014. She also was the principal at Fountain Lake Elementary from 2010 to 2012, assistant principal and curriculum coordinator at Angie Grant Elementary in the Benton School District from 2004 to 2010, and assistant principal at the Howard Perrin and Angie Grant Elementary Schools from 2003 to 2004. Prior to her administrative positions, Smith was a teacher for nine years, having taught fourth and fifth grade, seventh-grade social studies and sixth-grade language arts.

She has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Master in Educational Leadership from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and is currently working on an Education Specialist degree.

Smith is a member of the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators, Arkansas Association of Elementary School Principals, and Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. She is involved with the Boys and Girls Club of Saline County.

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