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*Johnny Key, Commissioner*

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## **Smith Named Interim Assistant Commissioner of Learning Services**

**LITTLE ROCK** — Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key is pleased to appoint Stacy Smith as the interim assistant commissioner of Learning Services. Smith, who will assume her new role Feb. 1, replaces Dr. Debbie Jones, who has been named the deputy superintendent at the Bentonville School District.

“During her time in education, Ms. Smith has built strong relationships and support with educators around the state,” Key said. “I am very confident in her leadership skills and look forward to working with her on the leadership team.”

Before being named interim assistant commissioner, Smith served as the director of the Curriculum and Instruction unit at ADE 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.

Smith previously served as the principal of Hill Farm Elementary in the Bryant School District from 2012 to 2014, 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’s 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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