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Commissioner's Memos

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• 2016-2017 Special Education Course Codes	• 2016 Annual School Election Timeline	• K-2 Assessments for 2016-2017	• ADE Release Form for Handbook
• Grades K-2 and 3-6 SPARK Physical Education Curriculum Trainings			
• Emergency and Proposed Rules Governing Arkansas Qualified Teacher Requirements			
• Classified Employee Minimum Hourly Wage for 2016-2017			
• Arkansas Department of Education's Fourth Annual Data Conference			
• Academic Facilities Partnership Program, 2015-2017 Biennium, Year-Two Funding			
• Public Comment Period Extended – Rules Governing Standards for Professional Ethical Conduct			
• 2016 Child Nutrition Directors' Conference			
• Final Rules: 2016 Open Enrollment Charter Application and 2016 District Conversion Charter Application			
• Arkansas Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure (APPEL) Program Late Summer Academy 2016			

Welcome: [Cynthia Brannon](#) – Fiscal and Administrative Services

[Elizabeth Shock](#) – Public School Accountability | [Kristi McIntosh](#) – Public School Accountability

[Patricia Siribouth](#) – Fiscal and Administrative Services

Best Wishes: Alexandra (Sasha) Demskie – Learning Services

Division Highlights

Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ArkansasEd.gov Newsletter Added • Sliders Updated • Mountain Home School Bus Safety Video Link Added to Flashing Red. Kids Ahead Campaign Resources • 2016 Arkansas Teacher of the Year Recognition Publication Link Added • Media Advisory Posted: Little Rock Area Public Education Stakeholder Group Meeting • Press Release Posted: Poore to Begin Transitional Role at LRSD June 13 • Media Advisory Posted: Computer Science Task Force Meeting • Media Advisory Posted: SBE Meetings
Ed. Effectiveness & Licensure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies Governing Educator Preparation Program Approval Added as Related File • Competencies for Guidance/Counseling K-12 Updated • Fingerprint Form Posted
Fiscal & Admin. Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Opportunities Page Updated
Learning Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message 108: Charlie May Simon and Diamond Primary Book Awards Posted • Link to Cross County High School Innovation in Education Video Added • Waivers Updated for Covenant Keepers, eStem, SIATech, Imboden & Pine Bluff Lighthouse Charter Schools • Charter Authorizing Panel April Minutes and May Video Added • Message 109: Arkansas LDC/MDC Conference Added
Legal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Board Orders Page Updated • Pending Rules and Current Rules Page Updated
Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arkansas Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap April Minutes Posted
Research & Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arkansas Digital Sandbox Link Added to List of Resources
State Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May State Board Meeting Videos Added • Agenda Section for the Little Rock Area Public Education Stakeholder Group Added