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KEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas Education Commissioner Dr. Tom Kimbrell today announced that Dr. Charity Fleming Smith, assistant commissioner for public school academic accountability, has accepted a new position as principal associate for education with Fetterman and Associates.

Fetterman & Associates provides proactive evaluation and technical assistance services nationally and internationally for business, education, and healthcare.

Dr. Smith joined the Arkansas Department of Education in 1994 as education lead planner for desegregation and quickly rose to several executive leadership positions before assuming the role of assistant commissioner. She is responsible for holding schools and districts accountable by monitoring academic performance and achievement in compliance with state and federal mandates.

Dr. Smith was previously with the Little Rock School District as a teacher, department chair, and administrator. She has also served as an instructor in the DeValls Bluff School District, and as a member of local, state and national education boards. Dr. Smith is an author and contributing author of technical documents and other works. She devotes her private time to her family and to an after school “academic fitness center” ensuring that students improve college and career readiness skills. She earned her doctoral degree from University of Arkansas at Little Rock and has completed additional studies at both Stanford and Harvard Universities.

Her departure is effective June 30.