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Curtis Turner Tapped to Lead Mineral Springs School District

Little Rock—Curtis Turner, superintendent of the Eureka Springs School District, will take the helm at Mineral Springs School District July 1.

A former teacher, Turner served in leadership roles including superintendent at South Pike County School District, Delight School District, Clinton School District and Centerpoint School District. He also worked in the Fiscal Distress Unit at the Department of Education.

Turner has a master of education from Henderson State University and received a state superintendent certification from the University of Central Arkansas.

Commissioner of Education Dr. Tom Kimbrell said, “Mr. Turner has experience in assisting fiscally distressed school districts develop and work through recovery and improvement plans. I believe he is the right person to look at the big picture and know what the priorities are.”

Turner said his goals are to foster clearer communication, listening, learning from the past and moving on together. “We have to set a new strategic direction in Mineral Springs to put the district on sound financial footing and have schools that are student centered and focused on academic achievement.”

Turner will replace Bill Blackwood who came out of retirement to temporarily lead the district. Kimbrell expressed appreciation for Blackwood’s leadership in managing the district during the transition.

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