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North Little Rock Assistant Superintendent Heads to Pine Bluff Dollarway

Little Rock—Bobby Acklin, current assistant superintendent in the North Little Rock School District, is Education Commissioner Dr. Tom Kimbrell's pick to lead the Dollarway School District starting July 1.

Of the new appointee, Kimbrell said, "His heart is in the right place, he's about kids. His understanding of the educational process and his ability to build and sustain trusting relationships within a community will drive improved student and educator performance."

Acklin comes to the district with experience as a classroom teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal and assistant superintendent. He has served in the North Little Rock School District since 1989.

When asked what intrigued him about the Dollarway job, Acklin said it was his passion for education and his desire to interact with community, teachers and students. "When this opportunity came about, I knew my goal would be to get Dollarway to a position where kids have a chance to realize their dreams. That's what it's all about."

Acklin will replace Frank Anthony who came out of retirement last June to help Kimbrell by leading the district. Anthony spent the last year reorganizing, addressing financial problems and hiring effective teachers.

"I was once able to work with a man like Frank Anthony. He's one of the best superintendents in our state. If I can do half the job he's done, I'll be very happy," Acklin said.

A photograph of Acklin can be downloaded at

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