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## **Cody Decker Named ADE Assistant Commissioner**

**LITTLE ROCK** - Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Dr. Tom Kimbrell is pleased to announce Cody Decker as the agency's new assistant commissioner of Research and Technology. He replaces Jim Boardman, who retired in December.

Decker has served as the ADE coordinator of special projects and the director of information systems. In that capacity, he was responsible for several successful major information systems projects, most recently the launch of the ADE Data Center (<http://adedata.arkansas.gov>).

Decker will serve as the agency's assistant commissioner, as well as the chief information officer for the agency's information systems.

"Cody assumes his new role with a commitment to equipping parents, educators and policy makers with the data and tools they need to personalize student achievement and inform decision making at all levels of education," Kimbrell said.

Decker previously worked for Dawson Education Service Cooperative and Environmental and Spatial Technology Inc., commonly referred to as the EAST Initiative, in Little Rock.

He has a Bachelor of Science in Information Science, a Master of Science in Information Quality and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Information Quality from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

He grew up in Arkansas, spending a large portion of his life in both Hope and Mena. He currently lives in Little Rock with his wife, Brooke Decker, a middle school teacher for North Little Rock School District.

"I'm honored for the opportunity to serve teachers and school leaders, and I look

forward to working with Commissioner Kimbrell and his team to promote a culture of data use and data-driven decision making in our state,” Decker said.

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