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### **Pfeffer Named ADE Assistant Commissioner**

**LITTLE ROCK** — Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Dr. Tom Kimbrell is pleased to announce that Ivy Pfeffer has been selected as the assistant commissioner for Human Resources, Educator Effectiveness and Licensure.

Pfeffer will assume her new position July 1. She will replace Dr. Karen Walters, who was recently named the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction for the Bryant School District.

“Ms. Pfeffer has worked with school administrators and teachers this year to implement the new teacher and principal evaluation systems,” Kimbrell said. “Her education and experience as a teacher and administrator make her a perfect candidate for the assistant commissioner position.”

As assistant commissioner, Pfeffer will oversee multiple units and programs including human resources, teacher licensure, teacher and principal evaluation programs, and educator ethics investigations. She currently serves as the ADE director of educator evaluation, a position she has held for almost a year.

Prior to coming to ADE, she worked at the Pocahontas School District for 18 years. Pfeffer taught Spanish and English at Pocahontas Junior High School for nine years before being named the secondary assistant principal at the high school. She served in that role a year before being selected as principal, a position she held for eight years. Pfeffer also served as an adjunct Spanish instructor for Black River Technical College.

After earning a Bachelor of Science in Education in Spanish and English from Arkansas State University at Jonesboro, Pfeffer received a Master of Science in Education in Integrated Technology in the Curriculum from Walden University in Minneapolis, MN.

She completed the ASU program of study for administrative certification and earned an Educator Specialist in Educational Leadership.

Pfeffer is a former board member of the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators and a former member of the Arkansas Association of Secondary School Principals.

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