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State Board of Education Places Dollarway School District Under State Control, Appoints Barbara Warren as Superintendent

LITTLE ROCK — The State Board of Education voted today to place the Dollarway School District in Pine Bluff under state control. The high school has been in academic distress since July 10, 2014. The board also named Barbara Warren as superintendent of the district effective immediately.

“The students of the Dollarway School District will be well-served with Ms. Warren at the helm,” Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key said. “She understands the need for a transformational approach to the culture of learning in Dollarway.”

Warren served as the director of the Arkansas River Education Service Cooperative from July 2011 until her appointment today. As director, Warren collaborated with local and state government agencies, as well as institutions of higher education and other education organizations. She also oversaw the cooperative’s budget, expenditures, facilities and day-to-day operations.

Prior to serving as director, Warren was a special assistant to the Pine Bluff School District superintendent from July 2007 to June 2011. As a special assistant, she worked as the federal programs director and district assessment coordinator. In that role, Warren oversaw the district’s state and federal funds; served as the Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Planning chair, where she prepared and submitted federal and state budget plans and provided training, support and technical assistance; helped plan professional development; and served as the district test coordinator and homeless liaison.

Warren previously served as an assistant director and teacher center coordinator for the co-op from September 2004 to January 2007, where she developed professional development activities; completed district and state reports; oversaw several grants; assisted with hiring staff; and developed and evaluated various programs.

From July 2001 to 2004, Warren served as a junior high/middle level principal at the Stuttgart School District. She previously served as an assistant principal, business education teacher, vocational director, and equity compliance officer at the district. Warren also served as an adjunct faculty member at Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas from August 1997 to May 2000.

She is a member of Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as mission president, a youth speaker, Sunday School officer, and choir vice-president. She was appointed to the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission, EAST board of directors and Arkansas Rural Education Association.

Warren received a Bachelor of Science in Business Technology from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, a Master of Science in Education from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and an Education Specialist degree from Arkansas State University at Jonesboro.

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