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## **Smith Named ADE Policy and Special Projects Director**

**LITTLE ROCK** — Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key is pleased to announce that Tina Smith has been named the Arkansas Department of Education policy and special projects director. Smith begins today and replaces Susan Harriman, who is now the executive director of ForwARd Arkansas.

As the policy and special projects director, Smith will research education policy initiatives. She also will manage special projects, including methods to improve efficiency, development of Arkansas' Every Student Succeeds Act plan and stakeholder engagement regarding ESSA.

"Ms. Smith brings to the department a wealth of educational experience," Key said. "With her background as an educator, as well as with budgets and education policy, Ms. Smith will assist the department with moving Arkansas' education system toward excellence."

Smith's experience includes creating and implementing professional development for teachers; implementing technological teaching practices in the classroom; writing district-level school improvement plans; managing district, state and federal funds; writing grants; developing and implementing district policies; overseeing district accountability and standards processes; and serving as a federal program coordinator.

Prior to joining the department, Smith was a leadership coach for the Arkansas Public School Resource Center. Smith served as a curriculum administrator at Ozark Schools in Ozark, Ark., from July 2008 to June 2013; a high school counselor at Ozark High School from July 2005 to June 2008; and a junior high school counselor at Ozark Junior High School from 2002 to 2005. She began her career as a social studies teacher at Ozark Junior High School.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Arkansas Tech University at Russellville, Ark., and a Master in Education from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Ark. Smith has a counselor certification from John Brown University at Siloam Springs, Ark., and a curriculum certification from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Ark.

Smith is a member of the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators, Arkansas Association of School Administrators, Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, American Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Professional Development Association, University of Arkansas Alumni Association, and the Southern Regional Education Board's Commission on Computer Science and Information Technology.



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