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Bailey Named Assistant Commissioner for Educator Effectiveness and Licensure

LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key is pleased to announce that Dr. Suzanne Bailey has been named the new assistant commissioner for Educator Effectiveness and Licensure. Bailey starts Dec. 3 and replaces Dr. Jeremy Owoh, who was appointed superintendent at the Pine Bluff School District.

"Ms. Bailey's experience in K-12 and higher education has prepared her for her new role as the assistant commissioner for Educator Effectiveness and Licensure," Key said. "Not only does she have a firm foundation in academic and fiscal best practices, Ms. Bailey also streamlined processes on the local district level to improve efficiency. I welcome her to the ADE team."

Prior to joining ADE, Bailey served as the academic dean of career/technical education at Arkansas State University in Beebe since 2017. She also has been an adjunct associate professor for educational leadership at Arkansas State University at Jonesboro since 2014. Bailey's previous employment history includes serving as superintendent of the Lonoke, Waldron and Maynard School Districts, junior high school principal in the Newport School District, elementary principal in the Carlisle School District, and teacher in the Beebe School District.

Bailey's experience includes serving as a mentor to new superintendents, providing strategic planning training for school board members and district leaders, and attending the Leadership Academy's Master Principal Institute.

Bailey has a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from Harding University at Searcy and completed the superintendent program of study at Harding. She has a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Harding, a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Central Arkansas at Conway, and an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts from Arkansas State University at Beebe.

She serves on the Arkansas Advanced Initiative for Math and Science board and previously served as a board member for the Arkansas Activities Association, Arkansas Professional Licensure Standards Board, Arkansas Rural Education Association, Arkansas Association of School Administrators, Arkansas School Boards Association Workers Compensation, and Arkansas Association of Curriculum and Instruction Administrators.

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