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Johnny Key, Commissioner

*Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education*

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## **ADE to Host Education Summit in June**

**LITTLE ROCK** — The Arkansas Department of Education is excited to host a four-day conference next month that gives teachers, administrators, and other education representatives the opportunity to network and grow professionally.

The ADE Summit, which will be held June 18-21 at the Hot Springs Convention Center, combines several smaller conferences into one large, robust event. Combining conferences about computer science, dyslexia, data, school health, and other topics into one conference promotes efficiency, while giving all educators and school personnel from around the state the opportunity to learn about numerous areas of interest at one location.

"The ADE Summit is a premier opportunity for professional learning for school personnel," Governor Asa Hutchinson said. "The Summit will provide the opportunity for educators to share their experiences, build partnerships, and improve student learning. I commend the Department of Education for its efforts to provide a comprehensive conference, and I encourage teachers, school administrators, and school personnel to attend."

"In order to lead the nation in student-focused education, we must provide quality professional development that promotes student learning," ADE Commissioner Johnny Key said. "Through this Summit, educators and school personnel will have the opportunity to network, hear from nationally-recognized speakers, and learn about best practices. Designed as a one-stop shop for professional development, the Summit provides something for everyone – from transportation and facility directors and bookkeepers, to teachers and administrators. I encourage all school personnel to register to attend this exciting event."

Organized into categories, such as collaboration, instruction, leadership, and operations, the Summit will include presentations about academic content areas and school operations. In addition to highlighting local best practices, numerous keynote speakers will be featured. Among them are Dr. Luis Cruz, who presents on methods from *Transforming School Culture* by Anthony Muhammad; Dr. Philip Warrick, an author and consultant for High Reliability Schools; Salome Thomas-EL, a principal and best-selling author from Delaware; and Regina Stephens Owens, an internationally-recognized presenter who focuses on building a culture of connectivity and collaboration.

The cost to attend the multi-day event is only \$50 a person. Upon registration, those scheduled to attend can browse the numerous conference workshops and build schedules that are personalized to

best meet their needs. To learn more about the summit and to register, please visit <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/ade-summit-2019>.

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