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EVENT DESIGNED FOR EDUCATORS SEEKING TO EXPAND CAREERS

Arkansas licensed educators who are interested in expanding their credentials are encouraged to attend the 2008 Arkansas Educators Career Fair. The event, sponsored annually by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), will occur from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Wyndham Hotel-Riverfront in North Little Rock.

"This is a one-stop shopping opportunity for any licensed teacher or administrator who may be considering adding to their areas of licensure," said Beverly Williams, ADE assistant commissioner for human resources and licensure. "Each year, we are able to provide guidance to hundreds of Arkansas educators, some of whom may be interested in moving from the classroom to the principal's office or who may wish to increase their marketability by adding another subject area to their license."

In addition to staff from the ADE office of teacher quality, representatives from colleges of education, financial institutions and school districts with potential openings will be on hand to discuss advanced degree programs, additional licensure pathways and opportunities for financial aid. Those individuals who hold expired Arkansas teacher's licenses who wish to learn how to renew them will find answers at the Educators Career Fair as well.

For more information about the ADE Arkansas Educators Career Fair, or to register for the event, please visit www.teacharkansas.org or call the Office of Teacher Quality at (501) 682-5535.

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