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BILL GOFF TO ASSUME NEW ROLE AT ADE AS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Dr. Ken James, Arkansas Commissioner of Education, today announced that Bill Goff will assume the role of Arkansas Department of Education assistant commissioner for finance and administration effective July 1. Goff, previously director of the department's Arkansas Public School Computer Network (APSCN), takes on the role held by Dr. Bobbie Davis, who is retiring on June 30.

"Bill has done an outstanding job managing the many nuances of APSCN. That experience, together with his extensive background in finance, and school finance in particular, make him a natural fit for assistant commissioner," Dr. James said. Goff's role will involve fiscal management of both the agency and working directly with the state's 245 school districts.

"I really appreciate the confidence Dr. James has placed in me," Goff said, adding, "Dr. Bobbie Davis has set a high bar for this position, but I'm very excited about taking on new responsibilities and challenges. I very much enjoy working with school personnel, and I will try hard to provide them with good direction and leadership regarding fiscal policies and responsibilities."

Goff is a certified public accountant and has worked as business manager for both the Benton and Texarkana school districts. He holds a bachelor's of science in business administration with a major in accounting from Henderson State University and is president-elect of the Arkansas Association of School Business Officers.

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