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## **Nampa School District names Thomason to CEO position**

The Nampa School District announced that Heath Thomason will be the Chief Educational Officer of the Columbia school cluster for 2008-09. Thomason replaces Kevin Stanger, who is leaving the district to accept a position at Brigham Young University's Idaho campus in Rexburg.

Thomason, 37, will serve as the CEO of the Columbia cluster, a group of schools that includes Columbia High School, East Valley Middle School, and Endeavor, Greenhurst, Park Ridge, and Snake River elementary schools.

“Heath is a talented, experienced leader, who embraces our vision of providing students the foundation they need to open their own doors of opportunity,” said Gary Larsen, Nampa School District Superintendent.



Heath Thomason

As a CEO, Thomason acts as the administrative and instructional leader of the cluster schools to ensure that the educational program is meeting the needs of students from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Thomason has served Nampa schools for more than a decade as teacher and administrator. For the past two years, he was the Lead Building Administrator overseeing the day-to-day operations of Columbia High School.

“We have great schools, staff, and students in the Columbia Cluster and in the Nampa School District,” Thomason said. “And I am looking forward to working closely with teachers and parents to build on our past success.”

Thomason earned a bachelor's degree from Albertson College of Idaho in physical education and reading and a master's degree from the University of Idaho in education. He and his wife and their four children live in Nampa.