



# Glenbard Township High School District 87

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## **New Glenbard West principal appointed**

The Glenbard Township High School District 87 Board of Education on April 24 appointed Dr. Jane Thorsen principal at Glenbard West High School, effective July 1.

“I am honored by the opportunity to become part of such a wonderful school,” Thorsen said. “Glenbard West is steeped in tradition and renowned for its excellence. My first priority will be to meet the students, staff and parents in order to establish a close working relationship with the entire school community.”

Thorsen is assistant principal at Oswego High School. She has worked at Oswego since 1998, when she joined the school as director of student services and special education. Prior to that, she was director of student personnel services at Naperville Central High School, assistant principal at Jefferson Junior High School in Naperville and dean of students at Naperville Central. She also has experience as a transition teacher, counselor, and sociology instructor.

Incoming Glenbard District 87 Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen said, “We are very excited to have Jane join the educational community at Glenbard West. She has a successful set of leadership experiences in the field of education, and we believe she will build upon the traditions of educational excellence at Glenbard West.”

Thorsen earned her doctorate degree in educational leadership from Aurora University. She earned a certificate of advanced study in educational leadership from National Louis University and a master’s of education degree from Loyola University in Chicago. Thorsen earned her bachelor’s degree from Western Illinois University.

Thorsen will replace Dr. Pam Zimmermann, who will become Glenbard District 87’s associate superintendent of educational services, effective July 1.

She belongs to the Illinois Principals Association and National Association of Secondary School Principals. Thorsen co-founded the Oswego Foundation for Educational Excellence in 1995.

She earned the Extraordinary Oswegoan Award for Service in Education in 2004 and was nominated for the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award in 1999.

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