



## News Release

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**Northwest ISD Names Robert Thornell, Ed.D.  
as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction**

Northwest ISD is pleased to announce the hiring of Robert Thornell, Ed.D. as the district's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. Transitioning into this new role will begin after the first of the year.

"Rob brings a strong background in curriculum and instruction, a vast knowledge base in instructional design, and strong leadership skills," said Karen G. Rue, Ed.D., superintendent of schools for Northwest ISD. "We are excited to welcome Rob into his new role and know he'll step in and hit the ground running," she said.

Most recently, Thornell served as executive director of curriculum and staff development where his responsibilities included oversight of curriculum development and implementation. While in that position, he was instrumental in the development of a district-wide Community Based Accountability system which was implemented just this year.

"His experience with professional learning communities and a focus on instructional goals will allow Rob to build upon our established foundation," said Dr. Rue.

In addition, Thornell also brings a vast knowledge of professional development to the table. As a member of many prestigious professional organizations, Thornell is an experienced leader for various initiatives in the district.

Thornell earned his bachelor's degree in multi-disciplinary studies from Texas Tech University, his master's degree in education administration from the University of North Texas, and his doctor of education in education administration from Baylor University.

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