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Cathy Woods named Cascade High School principal

Cathy Woods, currently the principal of Gateway Middle School, has been named to replace Cascade High School principal Jim Dean beginning with the 2007-08 school year. Dean announced earlier this month that he accepted the planning-principal position with Snohomish School District in preparation for their new high school opening in the fall of 2008. Both Woods and Dean will remain at their current schools until the end of this school year.

Woods brings more than 11 years of administrative leadership experience to her new role at Cascade High. Before coming to Everett in 2002, Woods was a principal in the Puyallup School District and an assistant principal in Kent. Woods also taught Spanish, English and journalism in public and private high schools.



Everett Superintendent Whitehead credits Woods for, "... her contributions to improved student achievement and for her work to build effective, collaborative teams working on behalf of students. Cathy recognizes and supports professional performance and quality instruction. She is masterful at encouraging those around her to foster and build individual excellence toward common goals. We will miss Cathy's leadership at Gateway, but we are excited that she has accepted this new responsibility at Cascade." Anticipating her new position and knowing she is leaving students, parents and staff she considers family, makes the decision bitter-sweet for Woods. Some of the students who have gone through Gateway are at Cascade now and Woods anticipates seeing them and their families in this new capacity. "I am very excited about this position and am proud to have been selected for a high school with such a strong reputation. I look forward to the challenges of high school and to improving opportunities for each student to graduate."

Woods and her husband have just recently purchased and are renovating a home in north Everett. She has two sons. One is a military medic, and the other is doing volunteer work in Guatemala.