



***Thompson School District Names
Lorynda Sampson as Principal at
Ponderosa Elementary School***

March 11, 2020 - Thompson School District announced today that it has named Lorynda Sampson as principal at Ponderosa Elementary School, effective July 1. She will fill the position that is being vacated by Kandi Smith, who is retiring from the district.

Ms. Sampson is currently serving as the principal at Northridge Elementary School in Longmont, Colo., a position that she has held for nearly ten years. She also previously served as the principal at Westminster Elementary School in Westminster, Colo., and has extensive experience as an educator, coordinator and professional developer in school districts in the region. Throughout her career, she has earned several honors, including the “2019 National Distinguished Principal of the Year” award for Colorado, presented by the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the “Colorado Teacher of the Year” award in 2003.

“I am excited to be a Ponderosa Panda and for the journey we'll be taking on behalf of students, our community and public education,” Ms. Sampson said. “I am honored and humbled to be able to serve, grow and learn in the Thompson School District.”

Ms. Sampson earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Northern Colorado as well as a master’s degree in Administration and Supervision from the University of Phoenix.