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### **Battle High School leaders named**

**Columbia, MO --** Two additional leadership positions for Muriel Williams Battle High School have been named. The staff members will serve as key leaders in the opening of the new school.

The selection comes more than a year before the opening of Battle High School in the fall of 2013. The staff members will join Principal Kim Presko, who was named in November 2011, and seven other leadership team members named last month.

### **Battle High School Leadership Team**

#### **Athletic Director/Assistant Principal Matthew Hale**

Matthew Hale has been selected to fill the role of athletic director/assistant principal for Battle High School. Hale earned his master's degree in school administration from Southeast Missouri State University. He has served as an athletic director, and coached a range of sports. He is joining Columbia Public Schools from Cape Girardeau High School.

#### **Assistant Principal Jacob Sirna**

Jacob Sirna is currently serving in his second year as assistant principal at Oakland Junior High School. Sirna earned a specialist degree in educational administration from University of Missouri - Kansas City and taught eight years at Oak Park High School in Kansas City.

The district is also planning to announce the boys' and girls' head basketball coaches as soon as selections are made.

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