



Media Advisory

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At their March 11 meeting, Clovis Unified's Governing Board approved the appointment of new math teacher, Rich Hammond, to Clovis High School. Hammond has also been selected by Principal Pam Winter to head the Cougar's football program, and will begin working with the Cougars this spring.

Hammond played football at San Benito High School and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo before transferring to San Jose State and earning a degree in industrial and systems engineering. He has experience as assistant coach at San Benito High School and Gilroy High School, and as head coach at both Santa Clara and Gilroy. In the last two years he led Gilroy High to back-to-back league championships and the Central Coast football playoffs. This past season his team averaged over 40 points a game and over 400 yards of offense a game while holding opponents under 14 points.

On Thursday, Clovis High School will host a series of events to allow parents, students and the media an opportunity to meet the new coach. For more information, contact Kelly Avants, administrator communications and board relations, at 327-9092.

**WHAT:** Clovis High School announces new head football coach following Superintendent's approval. Rich Hammond will join the Cougars in the spring to start practices with the team. Hammond will also teach Mathematics at the school. Coach Hammond, Clovis High Principal Pam Winter and Athletic Director Ed Schmalzel will be available to answer questions and meet reporters at a specially scheduled press conference.

**WHERE:** Clovis High School's Lamonica Stadium  
Enter at the stadium's southeast gate off of Barstow Ave, and enter the field at the northeast gate.  
Just east of Fowler Ave. off of Barstow Ave.

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 12, 2009  
6:00 p.m.