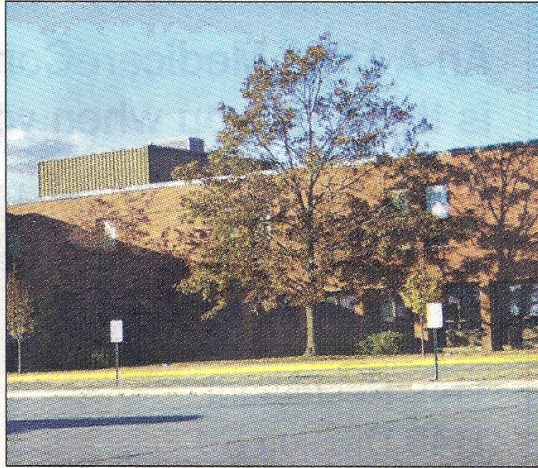


Upgrades made to Coventry High



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Improvements have been made at Coventry High School in accordance with NEASC requirements.

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COVENTRY- At the School Committee meeting on Tuesday night, High School Principle Michael Hobin informed the committee of the improvements that have been done to the school.

Hobin explained that in April of 2010, Coventry High School was put on the warning list by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) for not being "up to par."

He said that NEASC provides accreditation services to schools Pre-K through college to make sure that their physical facilities are kept up to their standards.

Hobin said that he gives an annual presentation to the school committee explaining his goals for the school year and that his NEASC goal was also included in this report.

He explained that he is required to give them an update on the schools progress since their 2010 visit.

He said he identified issues to NEASC and the school committee that he said he hopes will be addressed in the upcoming fiscal year

One issue being that the high school is in need of a new roof and a new athletic facility.

He said he is responsible for following the seven section accreditation standards that NEASC has given him.

One standard stating that, "The curriculum is written in a common form that includes: units of study with essential questions, concepts, content, and skills, the school's 21st century learning expectations, instructional strategies, and assessment practices that include the use of school-wide analytic and course-specific rubrics."

Hobin explained that he has stuck by the NEASC standard and increased the curriculum work.

He said he wrote in his report to NEASC that he has introduced students and teachers to common planning and common assignments.

He explained that regardless of what teacher a student has in a certain subject, every student will get similar experiences.

Along with the common format standard, Hobin also informed NEASC that the high school has repaired part of the roof but that a roof replacement was in order.

Hobin explained that the school will remain on the warning list for NEASC until they believe we are up to date with all the standards they have.

He said he does think the school is benefiting and growing because of this however, because "we're creating better documents, assignments and better lesson plans that really speak to the standards."