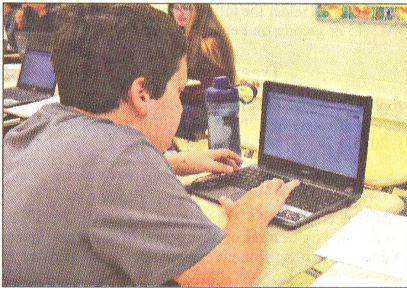


## Coventry Hosting National Summit

# Google Summit will take over Coventry for the weekend

## Presenters, educators from all over the US will descend on CHS



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Coventry students are using Chromebooks at every level in the district, and Coventry will host a national Google Summit for educators this weekend at Coventry High School.

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COVENTRY — For the first time, the Coventry School District will host the 2015 Google Summit — taking place Saturday and Sunday at Coventry High School.

Coventry School District Technology Director Lynne Burke, who attended a number of summits in the past throughout the country, said in the past that it was an amazing experience to meet so many people from other places and to see everyone integrating technology in new and exciting ways, so to be a part of one in Coventry is a great opportunity.

“By going online and learning what it’s about lets you see how global it is,” she said.

“Presenters will come from all over the country. It’s a professional development opportunity for anyone who wants to be involved.”

Burke said by hearing about other teachers’ experiences about what can work in the classroom, it makes her see how dynamic education has become.

“It was amazing to see yourself grow and see what you can really do with all the information you get from it,” she said.

She said some of the presenters will be from California, Tennessee, Canada and Australia.

“It’s a very diverse group of people,” she said. “There will be 50 educators from Coventry alone who will be giving up their weekend to attend this event.”

The two-day event kicks off at 8:30 a.m. Saturday with keynote speaker Lisa Thumann, who will talk about how technology has changed the lives of both adults and children through her presentation called “My daughter wants to be a Youtuber.”

The summit features multi sessions with multi topics per session.

Coventry School Superintendent Dr. Mike Almeida said he is so proud of his team for bringing this to the school district.

“We’re really at the forefront of this technology and I’m so excited to see what the district is able to gain through this event,” he said.

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# Google Summit: many benefits for town

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Coventry School Superintendent Mike Almeida is excited to have the school district host the event.

"It is an honor to host a Google Summit," he said. "We are excited to bring this opportunity to the state and region. Blended learning is the future of education. Over 400 registrants exemplifies the energy and commitment to creating technological real world classroom environments."

Coventry School Committee Chairwoman Kathy Patenaude is glad to see all the efforts of the past year coming to

fruition with blended learning.

"It would be good for the economy to have everyone who attends, stay in the area and from what I've heard about them, it's a great opportunity for collaboration," she said.

Coventry School Committee member Dave Florio believes it's a wonderful thing for the district to have such an incredible opportunity.

Jason Martin, director of buildings and grounds for the Coventry School District, said the district hired snow removal crews to clear the main lot to make sure there's adequate parking for all those who attend.

It will be a great collaboration with educators and all the information they can bring back to utilize in the classroom," he said.

The two-day event is high-intensity with a focus on deploying, integrating and using Goggle Apps for Education, and other Google tools to promote student learning in Kindergarten through grade 12.

There will be Google-certified teachers and certified trainers, practicing administrators, solution providers, engineers and representatives from Google Education teams to answer questions, provide demonstrations and hold hands-on workshops.