

Coventry School Committee

New Assistant Principal named at Feinstein MS

Bettez named replacement for Roy

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COVENTRY — Mary Lou Bettez, a long-time teacher in the Coventry school district, was appointed the new assistant principal at the Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School, effective immediately, at last night's school committee meeting.

"She has demonstrated leadership and she is currently an English teacher and has also taught special education," said Coventry School Superintendent Dr. Mike Almeida. "She has completed the principal residency network and has worked with Dr. Arthur Lisi."

Bettez is replacing Jennifer Roy in the position. Lisi is the principal at Feinstein.

"I walked into Coventry 24 years ago and fell in love," Bettez said about the school district.

"We need great leaders and I'm looking forward to great things and working with her," said Coventry School Committee Chairwoman Kathy Patenaude.

School committee member Ann Dickson agreed, adding, "We'll have good strong leadership with good training from Dr. Lisi."

Some educators asked Almeida if there was any news regarding the cuts that are coming following the failed June 24 school budget referendum.

Almeida said nothing has been decided on things at this point and advised that the July 29 meeting may be a long one because discussion will begin then.