

COVENTRY

Middle school principal to leave position

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COVENTRY — Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School Principal Arthur Lisi has decided to retire after 28 years with the Coventry School Department. Lisi joined was appointed by the school committee as principal of the district's middle school in 2013, and after nearly three decades with Coventry Schools he decided to submit his letter of resignation to Superintendent Craig Levis on Friday to spend more time with family.

In an email on May 25 Lisi announced that he had submit-

ted his resignation effective as of June 30 to finish out the school year. He said that his experience in the district has been "nothing but a joyous and fulfilling adventure in supporting the teaching and learning of our students, and helping to build a culture of collegiality and collaboration that has been the hallmark of our great school."

Before becoming principal of ASFMS, Lisi worked at Blackrock Elementary School from 1989 to 1994. He went on to work as a guidance counselor at the middle school for 9 years before being promoted

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to curriculum coordinator/assistant principal of student support services in 2003. In 2010 he became the school's Assistant Principal.

Lisi received his bachelor's degree in Psychology and his master's degree in Counselor Education/Student Personnel Services from the University of Rhode Island. In 2003 he earned his Ph.D after completing the URI-RIC Joint Doctoral Program with a major in education.

In March of 2017 he was recognized as the New England Secondary School Consortium's 2017 Rhode Island State Champion of Education. Over the course of his career he received numerous other awards and presented at many conferences. He serves on the executive board of the Rhode Island Middle-Level Educators and the Rhode Island School Counselor Association, and has also taught classes at Providence College.

Lisi helped ASFMS receive a grant to fund a video-production classroom which students will benefit from for years to come and has

been involved in helping the district carry out its ambitious one-to-one technology initiative with Chromebooks for every student.

"My wife of 32 years, Peggy, has been asking for a change in our lifestyles and a shift in my focus, and that time has come," Lisi said. "An opportunity to try something new has been offered to me, and while it is still in education, the demands on my time and on my family will be less."

He said he has appreciated his time with Coventry Schools, from his time as a guidance counselor to running one of the state's largest middle schools.

"I have enjoyed the many emails and the contacts we have made over the years, and I have grown and have become a better principal because of these interactions," said Lisi.

The school committee is expected to accept his resignation at the next regular meeting in June. On May 25 they voted to appoint Azadeh Noorbaloochi, the assistant principal at Coventry High School, as the assistant principal at ASFMS.

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