

# TIOGUE PRINCIPAL AMONG NATION'S BEST

# PRINCIPAL ACHIEVEMENT



Daily Times file photo

Tiogue Elementary School Principal Louise Seitsinger (center) shares a smile in May with Coventry's current superintendent, Mike Convery (second from left) and Feinstein Middle School Principal Dr. Arthur Lisi (far left) at a ceremony recognizing her as Principal of the Year.

## Louise Seitsinger named with nation's best

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COVENTRY — Tiogue Elementary School Principal Louise Seitsinger was among 59 outstanding elementary and middle school principals from across the nation and abroad who have been named as 2015 National Distinguished Principals (NDP) by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), according to a press release.

As part of a two-day program, Seitsinger was honored in Washington, D.C. Friday at an awards banquet.

Established in 1984, the two-day NDP celebration program, which will be held at the Capital Hilton Hotel, recognizes public and private school principals who make superior contribu-

tions to their schools and communities.

The principals will also have the opportunity to share best practices. The 59 principal honorees are selected by NAESP state affiliates and by committees representing private and overseas schools.

NAESP Executive Director Gail Connelly congratulated the class of outstanding principals, pointing out their significant role in successfully leading students, schools, and communities through seismic shifts in education.

"Only a school principal can lead a school to success and positively impact an entire learning community," she said. "That is why I am so pleased to congratulate this year's class of National Distinguished Principals—they richly deserve this honor and many more."

October is National Principals Month, which

was established to recognize and honor the contributions of school principals and assistant principals toward the success of the nation's students, and encourage awareness of their significance.

According to her biography, Seitsinger has been the principal of Tiogue Elementary School for the past five years.

During that time, she has been able to maintain a steady increase in academic achievement, with average growth of 15 percent for reading and math scores across all K-5 grade levels in the past two years.

Seitsinger also facilitated the creation of a new school vision: "Tiogue School: Where Everybody is Somebody."

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She encouraged her students to vote on a new mascot, they named it "Brave" and wrote an original song about it with the

help of the chorus teacher.

She is constantly learning and sharing new strategies through her involvement in professional organizations.

Prior to her position at

Tiogue, Seitsinger was a teacher for fourteen years and a principal for six years in Rhode Island schools.