

New principal ready to tackle W. Coventry

Anzalone leaning on 24 years of experience

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COVENTRY – Second grade teacher Amy Anzalone is excited to bring her 24 years of teaching experience to a new level when she begins her role as principal at Western Coventry Elementary School when she starts there July 1.

In her 24 years of teaching, Anzalone has spent time at Blackrock and Washington Oak Elementary Schools and most recently, Western Coventry.

“I’m so excited to start,” she said.

Anzalone was selected by members of the School Committee to succeed Janice Sullivan by members of the Coventry School Committee at Monday’s meeting as a packed room of fellow teachers, family and friends applauded her.

“I really had no idea the teachers were going to be there and to see Jan go after 12 years, is sad,” Anzalone said. “She’s an amazing person. She’s been a friend and a mentor and I feel very blessed. She and I came to Western Coventry Elementary at the same time,” she added.

To Anzalone, her new job is all about being a team player and a guide for the faculty.

“My connection with families and teachers that I have gained at the school already through the years will allow me to get going right away,” she said. “It’s really about continuing that collaborative effort with teachers and doing the best I can to be as great a



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support system as possible. It's already such a great community so it's not about coming in and making changes to how I want them but working with everyone to see where any improvements can be made."

The elementary school has 385 students.

One thing she has noticed at Western Coventry Elementary, which to her, speaks volumes about the community, is that because the area is more rural the school is a hub for teachers and parents to chat when they pick up their kids after school.

"The kids go to the playground and the parents have a little bit of a social time," she said. "I think it's a really cool thing."
