

Coventry Welcomes Three New School Principals

The administrators were appointed at Tuesday's School Committee meeting.

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At Tuesday's meeting of the Coventry School Committee, dozens of administrators and members of the school community gathered to congratulate the three women who have been hired to lead three of the district's schools. All appointments are effective August 7, 2012 and are 220-day positions.

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Jennifer Roy was appointed to the position of Principal at [Alan Shawn](#)

[Feinstein Middle School](#). Since July 10, Ms. Roy has been Assistant Principal at North Kingstown High School where she participated in many of the new initiatives from high school reform mandates to Response to Intervention (RtI) policies. From 2007 to 2010, she was Assistant Principal of East Providence High School and was a special education teacher there from 2002-2007. Her teaching career began in 1993 in Marcellus, NY. Ms. Roy has a Bachelor of Science degree from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY and a Master of Education degree from State University of New York at Oswego.

"A lot of people don't get the chance to get their dream job," said Roy. "Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School has been on my radar for a while and I am more than excited to be starting here. This is where I wanted to end up."

Hopkins Hill

Kathryn Tancrelle was appointed to the position of Principal at [Hopkins Hill Elementary School](#). Ms. Tancrelle taught Grades 2 and 5 in Smithfield and was part of the school improvement team, Teacher Support Team (TST)/RtI Chair, Science Curriculum Committee, Practicum Teacher Host, District RtI Team and Teaching and Learning Committee Chair. She has conducted staff development and has been a workshop presenter in her district and others on a variety of topics. Ms. Tancrelle is a National Board Certified Teacher and was RI Teacher of the Year in 2001 and Smithfield Teacher of the Year in 2000. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Providence College, a Master of Arts degree in teaching from Rhode Island College and a Master of Education in Administration from Providence College.

"I can't tell you how thrilled I am to be part of the Coventry family and the Hopkins Hill family," said Tancrelle. "I am so happy and can't wait to get started."

Washington Oak

Gina Gateman was appointed to the position of Principal at [Washington Oak Elementary School](#). Ms. Gateman began working at the school in 2001 as a special education teacher and in 2007 was appointed to be Coordinator for Unified Learning Support Services for the middle school. During that time, she was a team member of the RtI Steering Committee, a member of the middle school improvement team and a district committee member of the educator evaluation system. Ms. Gateman holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rhode Island, a Masters in Special Education from Providence College and has obtained her certificate for the special education administration and for elementary and middle school principal. She was an Aspiring Principal Intern in the Principal Residency Network for the 2010-2011 school year.

"This is an amazing opportunity for me," said Gateman. "I am definitely ready to embrace the challenges ahead and to take on this next chapter."

School Committee Chair Kathy Patenaude congratulated the newly appointed administrators and expressed her happiness about the new additions to the school district.

"Appointing educators is one of our most favorite things to do," she said. "I would just like to say congratulations and welcome all!"