

## Coventry Public Schools

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At the 2017 Connecticut Association of Boards of Education/Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents (CABE/CAPSS) Convention, Board of Education members who have served 10 years will be recognized. Coventry will have two members included who have reached this milestone. Jennifer Beausoleil and Mary Kortmann will be honored at the convention for 10 years of service to the Coventry Board of Education.

Ms. Kortmann and Ms. Beausoleil are passionate leaders, dedicated to improving the quality of education in Coventry. Both have served in a variety of roles during their tenure on the Board. Ms. Beausoleil is currently the Vice Chairman of the Board of Education and also served as Chairman for several years. Ms. Kortmann served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Education and the Fiscal Committee Chairman in the past and has been a member of the Fiscal Committee for many years. Both members continue to serve on various sub-committees.

As members of the Coventry Board of Education, they have been a key part of the decision making process, which led to many changes and improvements over the years. During this time, district accomplishments have included: establishment of full-day Kindergarten, implementation of a one-on-one tablet initiative for every student in Grades 8-12, security upgrades, creation of alternative education programs, and the acquisition of Coventry's first public Preschool. Most recently, Coventry has seen an increase in test scores at all grade levels that places the district in the top quartile of their District Reference Group. During just the past two years, Coventry schools have been awarded almost 2.7 million dollars in grant funds. All of these accomplishments have enabled Coventry Public Schools to be viewed as a lighthouse district.

Dr. Petrone recently said, "During my time as Superintendent, I have been fortunate to work with many quality Boards of Education. Coventry's current group of Board members, the majority of whom I have worked with over the past six years, have never wavered in their commitment to doing what is best for students. This commitment, and their strong leadership, have resulted in the acquisition of resources which has allowed the district to prepare students for the challenges of the 21st century."

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