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Coventry Public Schools was recently named as one of ten organizations to be awarded a \$5,000 grant from Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. Every year Northrop Grumman honors an employee who has demonstrated dedication and commitment through consistent volunteer efforts on behalf of those in need. The program criteria is as follows:

- The nominee's volunteer activity helps to design and implement solutions and strategies intended to build sustainable communities. The nominee's volunteer efforts have addressed the community needs in extraordinary and innovative ways.
- The nominee's volunteer efforts have positively affected many and improved or changed important issues in the community.
- The nominee goes above and beyond and is dedicated to making a difference.

This year, Coventry Public Schools nominated Ms. Jennifer Beausoleil who is a Northrop Grumman employee and also serves as Vice Chairman for the Coventry Board of Education.

Jennifer Beausoleil has made a tremendous difference for Coventry Public Schools in her years of service on the Board of Education. Her leadership and work with the community has helped our district implement several outstanding initiatives. She was instrumental in the implementation of Coventry's full day Kindergarten program in 2011. She also assiduously advocated for and led the Board of Education decision making process to develop an iPad initiative for all schools. This included a 1 to 1 program for our high school students, and beginning this school year, for our middle school students as well. In 2015, Jen led our Board of Education and district in the establishment of the Hale Early Education Center, our first public preschool.

Mr. Petrone said regarding the recognition, "Those who interact with Jen are impressed by the depth of her knowledge in the field of education. She is exceptionally talented, extremely intelligent, and committed to providing a world class education for all students. She works tirelessly on visioning, planning, budgeting, networking, and building community support for excellence in education in Coventry. Jen is an exceptionally passionate advocate for state of the art programs and resolving challenges to best meet the needs of the school district. For all these reasons, this recognition is fitting and well deserved."