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I attended Newfield Schools from Kindergarten through 12th grade and graduated in 2015, in school I was apart of many clubs and sports teams. In the last 6 years I've worked many different jobs, attended college for a brief time, volunteered as a coach at many different levels, I started at the Newfield Recreation department a few years back because of my love for the community and wanting to be a active member of it, I transitioned into heading the whole department in the last two years and have been faced with some big challenges within those two years. It has made me become and stronger leader.

A few big accomplishments while I've been in the recreation department have been completing the town park, keeping summer day camp operating and running many successful youth programs. I have had great conversations and made many friends within the community. I feel my best qualities are a great listener, problem solver, working well with others and being a leader and a voice for people who need one.

One of my top goals is to help lead us back from the devastating pandemic, I have seen first hand how the pandemic has affected students and teachers in the district. I want to ensure we make the best decisions to safely move forward. I also will highly support extra curricular activities such as sports and clubs (Drama Club, SOS, Travel Club, etc.). Students needs these interactions to build social skills, self esteem and to stay healthy ( mentally, emotionally, physically).

This year has been tough on so many students, families, teachers and staff. I will express my concerns over anything I feel that is not in the best interest of the students, teachers, staff and families within the district. I want to be apart of the future here and keep pushing forward.