

Thank you, Newfield.

I would like to say *thank you* to the Newfield High School students, staff, families, and community for making my first year as principal of Newfield High School so rewarding. It could not have been easy for you to make the transition from your longtime partnership with Ms. Sue France, former principal of Newfield High School, to me, someone new to both the school and the community. Ms. France's profoundly positive and enduring impact on the school and community is self-evident.

However, as I continually share with my family, friends, and colleagues, you graciously welcomed me into your lives and continue to make me feel like I belong. I am proud to say that I could not have found a more exciting and hopeful place to be. Newfield High School *is* community. Students, staff, families, residents, and business people know each other, care about each other, and support each other. *Thank you* for giving me the chance to join you in educating and supporting our young people. There is no more important work we could be doing together.

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