My name is Aaron Rutledge and I am a candidate for USD 289 School Board. I would like to start out by giving a little background about why I would like to volunteer for this position. I attended Wellsville schools from the second grade on, graduating in 1997. I participated in numerous sports and activities and I feel very good about the education that I received here in our great little town. A big part of the reason that my wife and I chose to raise our children here is because of the confidence we have in the education system here. We have two children that currently attend WHS. As you can tell, my roots and interest run deep in the education of students here in our district.

I would like to try and give back to the community in serving on the school board to secure the best possible learning environment for our students and our teachers. I believe that by taking a "best interest" approach, we can keep moving towards that goal.

In the last few years, public education, both nationally and especially locally, has faced a number of challenges including questionable legislation and stifling budget cuts. I believe that public education is a necessary and vital part of American society and I would like to do as much as possible to help preserve and improve our situation.

I feel that I have some very important reasons to run for school board here in Wellsville and I would appreciate your vote. Thank you!

Aaron Rutledge