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Lower Grades Representative

### **Personal Statement**

I am running for the position of lower grade representative for the 2021-2022 TOUCHY board. I have had many experiences of leadership. I am currently taking a class at falcon cove middle school called intro to leadership. We take initiative to talk about problems the school has and the best way to prevent problems. In this class we go as far as writing our own opinions and ways to prevent events that take place in the world around us. I tend to take the initiative in projects in school. I like to make sure everyone feels included in a social setting among our peers such as school more so when they are new it can be very stressful to walk into a room with a bunch of new faces and having a friend can go a long way.

1. I have been a part of the youth group since gibborim in 3rd grade. I have enjoyed all of my experiences from going to the museum of science and discovery to the thriller boat ride and even just “watching back to the future” in the multipurpose room. It has helped me a lot. I had a hard time making friends in 3rd grade and the 6th grade but being able to meet two of my best friends through these events have helped me alot. I know how hard it can be to feel like an outsider in a place where you are supposed to fit in the most and the youth group has helped me through a lot.

2. Two of my goals as a lower class representative is to help bring a voice for those who are scared to speak up. Another one of my goals to help people feel like TOUCHY can be a way to make friends and hopefully they feel it is a comfortable place to express themselves.

3. As I have stated earlier, I take a class known as intro to leadership. A more indepth idea of this class is to understand how matter affects the world. We take turns explaining how we see it as young teenagers in the 21st century a prime example is the covid 19 outbreak we talk about how kids around spread by not wearing masks and cdc gide lins. We talk about ways to positively encourage students around us to keep their masks on and their space between others. I also volunteer on the weekends as much as i can to help kindergarten- 1st grade.

4. How I plan to ensure that the 9th graders voices will be heard as the lower grade representative is by simply communication and feeling how others will feel. I am someone they can turn to talk about anything. By brainstorming with how they feel towards others ideas and asking how they feel about taking it in a different approach. Making sure they feel heard is very important. I can not take my own opinion and believe everyone will feel the same way they need to feel that their opinion is valid and what we can do to make them feel like they have more of a say in decisions I plan on speaking on their behalf. I want them to make sure TOUCHY is a safe place and they can talk about and express how they feel.