

Dear Students, Parents, Staff, and the community of Poplar Bluff,

I want to sincerely apologize for the pain and negative attention that I have brought to our classroom, school, and community. I made a mistake on Friday during our skit assignment. I let a student wear an inappropriate costume that was unacceptable and hurt many people's feelings. As the professional in the room, I should have known better. I am sorry.

It is my job to ensure my students feel safe in class and at school. Because of my lapse in judgment, many of you were hurt and felt uncomfortable. I never wanted that to happen. I think of my classes as my family, and I would never intentionally offend or hurt any of you.

I am so sorry for making this mistake, and I hope that you can all forgive me and we can work through this together. I understand that healing and forgiveness take time, and I am absolutely okay with that.

I hope you have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving break and that you take care of one another.

Most sincerely,

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