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To my students and their parents,

I would like to address an incident that occurred the week of 8.7.23, which has weighed heavily on my conscience since. I assigned a creative writing prompt in class, and I have come to realize that the nature of the prompt was wholly inappropriate and insensitive. Please allow me to express my deepest apologies for my lapse in judgment and the distress it may have caused.

My intention behind the prompt was to encourage innovative and unconventional thinking among our students. I was driven by the desire to present a unique challenge, but I am acutely aware that this motivation clouded my judgment and led me astray from my primary responsibility: the well-being and emotional safety of my students. In my pursuit of creativity, I lost sight of the importance of nurturing an environment that promotes respect, understanding, and comfort for each and every student.

Students, I want you to know that I hold each of you in the highest regard. Your growth, happiness, and success are at the core of my mission as an educator. Forgive me for any distress or discomfort my ill-conceived prompt may have caused you.

To the parents who entrust your children's education to me, I am profoundly sorry for the concern and worry this incident may have provoked. I thank you for your grace and understanding as I work to rectify this situation. I also want to assure you that I take full responsibility for my actions. I am committed to making amends by collaborating closely with our district's curriculum supervisor to ensure that all future assignments align seamlessly with the educational objectives set forth by our district.

I am grateful for the opportunity to address this issue openly and vow to practice actions that uphold principles of respect, sensitivity, and academic rigor. Thank you for your time and consideration, and please reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

