

My name is Luc Chartrand,

Until May 28th 2021, I was the Principal at École secondaire catholique Monseigneur-Bruyère for the last four years. Prior to that, I had been Principal at École élémentaire catholique Saint-Jean-de-Brébeuf for 9 years and at École élémentaire catholique Frère-André for 5 years. In total, I have been with the Conseil scolaire catholique Providence for 25 fantastic years. I have given more than half my life to the wonderful students that I have crossed paths with.

Today, I would like to sincerely apologize for the incidents and for my personal behaviour in the events which have led to all this turmoil, surrounding racist allegations, at École secondaire catholique Monseigneur-Bruyère. My behaviour during those incidents and events was totally not acceptable. I realize that I showed a great lack of judgment and I strongly regret and am ashamed of what I have done. I realize that I could have and should have celebrated this student's accomplishments and success in a different manner. I want to offer my most sincere apologies to the student and to his family, to all Black students and parents of the school, to the entire school community and also to the entire BIPOC community.

This has been a great learning opportunity for me and I hope it will be one for many others. Since then, because of it and in spite of it, I have learned a lot about antiracism and the importance of each individual supporting this cause. I continue to educate myself on the matter and wholeheartedly support and appreciate the Black Lives matter movement. At the school, we, myself included, have made great strides to educate the staff and students on the matter. There are plans to continue on that path. I personally always try to better myself in all aspects of life (as a father, a husband, a friend, a Principal, etc...). My actions will be much more calculated in the future.

I wish I could take back what was done, but unfortunately, I cannot. I can only pray that I will have your forgiveness and that we can all move forward together. I want to put my energy towards preventing people from making the same offensive mistake I have done and I want to prove this to you, moving forward. Again, I assume full responsibility for my actions. I deeply regret the pain and suffering these actions have caused and I ask for your forgiveness and your prayers to help me, to help all members of our community, to become better human beings, respectful of all other human beings.

Sincerely