

Dear students, families, staff,

This is an explanation for why I am not at EMS.

I made a lighthearted joke with a very excellent student, saying, "what, are you retarded?" and that student did not take it as a joke.

I immediately apologized profusely, and I contacted the parents, and I told the administration, and then there was a meeting with the family, and I apologized and explained that ... obviously I was joking, because the student is a very good student.

A few days later, I met with the superintendent and the principal. They told me that because of this incident, and other reports of "touching students," they were terminating my employment at EMS.

I was shocked to hear accusations of "touching students."

Then I got a letter from Granby Schools, stating that I had been accused of asking a girl to stay after to class, to discuss her grades, and I touched her buttocks and her breasts. !!

I will not name the student here.

I was extremely shocked, hurt, saddened, and upset that the student made this false accusation. Perhaps the student was "put up to it" by adults. I don't know.

I am NEVER alone with any student.

I did not ask a student to stay after class to discuss their grade because - they are all getting 100% !!

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) contacted me to say that they investigated the accusation and found it be completely false, unfounded, baseless.

But the end result is, I have been fired because of false accusations.

For this false and damaging accusation, I would like the student, or the adults behind it, to step forward and make a public apology to all 400 students, to the parents, to the administration, to the town, to the country, and to god, for this false and damaging accusation.

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