

To Soddy Daisy High School and the Hamilton County community:

I would like to apologize for my inappropriate comments on the Soddy Daisy High news program last week. I understand that my poor choice of words hurt and offended many and for that, I am deeply sorry. Using wording that would offend was not my intent when recording the video, but after watching it I understand how wrong my choice of words was, and I accept full responsibility for the pain this has caused and the consequences that certainly come with my actions. I value the young women at Soddy Daisy High School and all women. I understand my comments did not reflect that to those who saw the video.

I encourage teens to be lifelong learners, and I must learn that lesson as well as I seek to use language that uplifts all students in the future. My role as a leader in the school requires better from me, and I pledge myself to learn from this mistake and to be a better person and educator.

It is heartbreaking to know that my actions have negatively affected Soddy Daisy High School and the community that I dearly love. I ask for your forgiveness and I will commit myself every day to set a positive example for young men and women as I work to regain your trust.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. A. B.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.