

# CONTOOCOOK VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Junior and Senior Parents, Guardians, and Students,

I want to begin this letter with my sincere apologies for comments made by our speaker yesterday in the mandatory assembly attended by our juniors and seniors. While much of our speaker's personal story was engaging and addressed the topic of safety and positive choices, it has come to my attention — from students, parents, and teachers — that our speaker made an inappropriate comment about women and that he also spoke briefly about his having found religion.


In our vetting of the speaker with both local professionals and other schools, we received no indication that these types of comments were part of the presentation.

Please be assured that moving forward, we will do an even more rigorous job of both selecting our presenters and making sure that they understand our expectations, as a school community and as a district at-large.

I am happy to speak with your student and apologize directly if he or she feels that this would be important, and if you have questions, please call.

Thank you for the trust and confidence that you place in us each day, and we will continue to work hard to meet these most important of obligations.

All the best,



Gib West