

January 21, 2025

Dear Ms. Edwards,

It is with deep regret that I must inform you of my decision to resign from my position of ELA teacher at Abraxas. Being a part of Abraxas has been one of the most special teaching assignments of my career. I love those boys and will miss them dearly. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the faculty and staff, and I sincerely appreciate that you have always been a supportive, strong, and effective administrator. Simply put, you have been one of the best principals for whom I have ever worked.

I was incredibly grateful that you and Dr. Burke granted a leave of absence through the month of January. However, as I indicated in my email update to you last week, new delays have occurred with the sale of our family business. Specifically, our attorneys have informed us that the company with whom we have been dealing has been bought out. Thankfully, the new owners want to buy our company, but this has added a new layer of complication.

It is important to me that you and Dr. Burke know that I have never left a job prior to the end of a school year. I feel an enormous amount of guilt for having put you, Abraxas, and MOESC in this position, but I also feel I have been transparent about my role in this family business since my initial interview in May 2024. I have a heavy heart about this aspect of my resignation.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to address the boys at Christmas Break. With permission of the Abraxas staff, I was able to spend a few minutes informing them of my LOA, and my regrets about being away from them. I wanted them to know that I love them, and that they hold a special place in my heart. It saddens me that they will soon learn I will not be returning to the classroom.

Over Christmas break, I spoke with Cheryl Williams regarding the ELA classes she has been covering in my absence. I emailed her some information she requested, and I am glad to make myself available if she has additional questions, although I know she is more than capable.

While my leave of absence was granted for the month of January, this resignation is effective immediately, today, January 21, 2025.

My best to you,

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