

## CHINOOK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, and Community Members;

Last evening, October 26, 2021, we posted a message on our Instagram page about things to consider when choosing a Halloween costume for our school celebration on Friday. Part of the messaging was on costuming to avoid. One of the slides inappropriately placed police next to Ted Bundy and Adolf Hitler as examples.

Chinook understands the harm this post has caused. We apologize to the law enforcement community in and around Lethbridge and throughout the country as well as to our entire community for this extreme lack of judgment. We work closely with the LPS daily to support our students and community and value deeply that relationship and collaboration.

We will be taking steps to rebuild and strengthen our relationship with the police service and the community. These steps include this letter, posting a video apology on Instagram, and meeting with the Lethbridge Police Service to formally apologize and move forward together.

The values we live daily with our students at Chinook are 'taking ownership' and 'aiming for growth'. We will meet with students via teams today to discuss this post, own it, and discuss the impact it and other posts like it have. We will use this error in judgement as an opportunity to lead and learn together with our students and the community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Forster". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Bill Forster,  
*Pohnokayakoyinnima*

Principal Chinook High School