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Dear Parents,

I am writing this letter to you with such love and joy in my heart but I still can't stop the tears....you see....Our precious Meg Harris....my student of twenty-three years, my employee for ten years, my sister in Christ, my "crazy about ballet" buddy, my go-to person, my business partner, my third "daughter"....my best friend, will be moving to Houston after this year's recital.

Our "Miss Meg" has met the man of her dreams....the man I've been asking and praying the Lord to come into Meg's life.....but Mr. John Pool works and lives in Houston!

Miss Meg and I have spent the past year having very lengthy and tearful conversations as to HOW we would let everyone know about her decision. We both agreed that the Lord is in charge and we must TRUST HIM to guide us and to empower us with the strength to get through something this painful for both of us....And HE has....

Miss Meg and I felt that disappearing after the recital was NOT the way we wanted to handle this...and we DID NOT want an announcement at the recital which would upset the children and make the recital a sad day in all of our lives. Instead, we choose to tell everyone about this happy new stage of Miss Meg's life. We are comparing it to a graduation to another stage of life. By telling everyone it allows the dancers and everyone to treasure every class and every moment Miss Meg has left at the Machita & Co., Inc. Dance Family. We want the dancers to embrace these last three months and to treasure every moment.

We welcome questions and conversation about this decision. Once you see Miss Meg light up when she talks about her John, you will understand how happy she is and what a wonderful decision she has made!

Miss Meg just spent the last few months studying very hard to pass the "Texas Teachers" exam. This program allows people with a college degree to test into teacher certification. Miss Meg passed the test Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations Miss Meg!

Miss Meg will begin interviewing for a job teaching school in Houston....WHAT A LUCKY SCHOOL THAT WILL BE!!!! She would like to teach Kindergarten, first or second grade.

Miss Meg will be visiting us often. Her family lives in Baton Rouge and we are here waiting with open arms. Miss Meg promises to come often and teach master classes at our studio.

Miss Meg and I have been telling the older classes and would like everyone in our "Dance Family" to hear about Miss Meg's decision through this letter. You are amazing parents and you can explain this change to your child best.

In closing, let me give thanks to our Miss Meg, for the years of love, dedication and hard work that Miss Meg has put into making Machita & Co., Inc. the dance school it is today. Because of YOU Miss Meg.....we have been changed FOREVER!

Dancingly Yours, **MissMachita**