I chose a clean digital footprint as an evidence piece for TRB standard two. I posted a screenshot of my personal Facebook page. In the photo, you can see that I have multiple items to review, which means that anything that I am tagged in does not automatically get posted to my page. I have to review the items and choose to have it posted. This ensures that I am aware of everything on my page. I do not often post anything on my social media pages. I use it mainly to communicate with friends and family. I have high privacy settings across all social media platforms, and do not add people as friends unless I know them and choose to add them.

I understand that my online presence reflects my conduct off duty, and that my actions can negatively impact my career and the profession as a whole. I also understand that technology is beginning to play a major role in the lives of young people, and that it is very likely that students and parents will look me up on social media, so I have to be careful about my online presence. Having my pages clean and free of any inappropriate pictures, postings, and language will show that I act with integrity. I also think that having a clean digital footprint allows me to be a role model for my future students, who will, or may already use social media platforms. Perhaps I could use my clean digital footprint as a teaching opportunity. Growing up in school, I never learned about internet safety, or the digital trail that you leave behind. I think this is something that is really important to learn about since it is being integrated into more areas of learning.

Teachers will forever be teachers in the eyes of a student, regardless of the environment they are in. Just because an educator is off duty does not mean that his or her actions do not have an impact on the profession. With technology and social media becoming more and more prevalent, and students having constant access to it, educators need to be really careful about what is being shared online. I think it can be easy for us to forget that once something gets posted

on the internet, it will always be there. In the future, I will continue to ensure that I have high privacy settings, filter what gets posted, and be careful about who is able to view my social media profiles.