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In January of this year, I requested the assistance of the Oklahoma City Police Department in conducting a joint criminal investigation into alleged actions of Dr. John Q. Porter, the former Oklahoma City Public Schools Superintendent. Prior to the start of our investigation, I was provided a copy of the school board's investigation of Dr. Porter. I reviewed that investigation to determine whether the allegations, if factual, would constitute criminal activity. I determined that if substantiated, several of those allegations would constitute criminal activity and for that reason I initiated the joint investigation between our office and the police department.

The Oklahoma City Police Department assigned an investigator to work full-time with our office in addressing each of the allegations reported by the school district. My only instructions to these investigators were to completely review the matter and pursue all evidence, irrespective of where that evidence led them. They interviewed numerous witnesses including school board members, school district staff and employees, and Dr. Porter, who cooperated fully and completely with the investigation. All documents relevant to the allegations were acquired and examined, and I am satisfied that our investigators pursued and exhausted all available leads.

My conclusion, based upon this joint Oklahoma City Police Department/Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office investigation, is that criminal activity could not be substantiated. The evidence uncovered during the investigation failed to prove that Dr. John Q. Porter committed any criminal act. In fact, a number of documents discovered in the possession of the school district tended to exculpate or explain away most of the allegations made against Dr. Porter.

Dr. Porter and his attorneys and the school district's legal counsel have been advised of my decision and have been provided a copy of our investigation. Copies of this investigative report are available for members of the media today.