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Jim King
Chairman
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P.O. Box 11934
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Re: APS Investigation

Dear Mr. King:

Thank you so much for your interest in the Atlanta Public School System CRCT cheating investigation. Our office is now reviewing the State Report and initiating its own independent inquiry to determine whether criminal charges may be appropriate. As you might have gleaned from media reports, I have already designated five members of my senior staff to complete this task. We plan to leave no stone unturned.

In addition to scrutinizing the 800 page report released by the State Investigators, we are also reviewing the more than 150,000 separate documents totaling one million pages released to us from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. You might have also noticed news reports detailing a Grand Jury Subpoena served on APS. In response to that subpoena, APS officials have already turned over to our staff 95 cd's loaded with thousands of documents. They also requested additional time to release even more documents to our care.

Please know, I am committed to the task of getting to the bottom of this scandal. It is as important to me as it is to every other citizen in our community. I have a vested interest in the education of our children, as should we all. Accordingly, we will continue in our efforts to ensure that this investigation, though exhaustive, will be thorough, accurate and just for the benefit of our most important asset: our children.

Again, thank you for your concern and interest. Please feel free to contact me or a member of my staff if we can assist you with additional matters.

Yours for Fulton County,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul L. Howard, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Paul L. Howard, Jr.
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