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Statement to the Media

This evening I delivered a 6-page letter responding to Judge Pointer's report to Andy Craig, Carol Barber, Ken Jarnagin, the Hoover School Board, the Mayor, and most of the City Council. My expressed desire throughout this process has been to have a private discussion prior to any information going public, but unfortunately four members of the Board decided that it was in the public's best interest to release the report without comment. After legal review, my current intention is to also make my response publicly available.

In this morning's *Birmingham News*, Donna Frazier said it is now up to the public to speak regarding Judge Pointer's report. Since I didn't get a copy of the report until yesterday morning, and since I don't have immediate access to a legal team, I can only ask you to patiently await my full response before cementing your opinion.

In the meantime, I will say the following: **I believe that Judge Pointer's opinions and conclusions regarding me were careless and too broad-based. Very little information within the report included me, and what did come from a single person's account of her perception and was accusatory in manner rather than evidenced-based.**

Like you, I look forward to getting this matter behind us so that we can again focus on our students at Hoover High School.