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## PCPS District Continues Investigation of Incident at Basketball Game

PCPS School Officials are continuing to investigate the unfortunate incident that occurred after the girls' basketball game between Ponca City and Tulsa East Central in Robson Fieldhouse on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. We will continue to collect all data, pertinent video, and statements from all parties involved. The Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association will work with school officials of both districts and collect each district's investigative data. No conclusions can be made regarding sanctions until the investigation is complete and all data has been analyzed.

Ponca City Public Schools will work with our coaches and staff to better recognize when tensions are getting too high and take steps to de-escalate volatile situations, including removing our student athletes from the situation, bypassing the postgame handshake, and increasing security on the floor. The safety and well-being of our students and staff are always the top priority for our district.

Superintendent, Shelley Arrott, wants to personally commend the Ponca City student fans, the Robson Rowdies. They demonstrated extreme class during a situation that involved strong emotions. They exhibited all characteristics of the Wildcat Way, which include the leadership skill of setting a good example on the field of play, in the classroom, and in all walks of life.

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