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## Oklahoma State Conference NAACP Calling for Investigation of Snap Chat group Threats of Racial Violence Against African American Students

Oklahoma City – Today Oklahoma State Conference National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), is calling for an immediate and transparent investigation concerning racial harassment and threats of racial violence against African American students of Enid High School.

On the evening of August 28, 2019, at about 10:00 p.m., several individual students created a snap chat group and labeled the group snap chat as the "Jiggaboos." When other students asked what this group was for, they said it was an intervention for niggers. During the group snap chat, they encouraged one of the boys to "just type it" to which he responded, "let all niggers die." Another student who was added to the snap chat group was able to screenshot the messages before it disappeared.

On August 29, 2019, when the students and parents made the school and the police aware of what had occurred during this snap chat group, they felt that their concerns for the safety and welfare of their children was not taken serious by the school administrators or the police.

Today, September 3, 2019 according to a statement release to the media by Enid High School principle, that the threat did not mention the school nor was it school - related. Even though the statement in the snap chat group didn't mention the school by name and even if it didn't happen during school hours however, some of the students in this group attends Enid High School.

Oklahoma State Conference, NAACP take these complaints very seriously and look forward to working with the school and the community to ensure that everyone is transparent concerning these matters said, Anthony R. Douglas, President, Oklahoma State NAACP, Former Member National Board of Director, NAACP.

According, to a statement release by the school "The safety and wellbeing of our students is our greatest priority. Intolerance of others and threatening behavior will not be tolerated by Enid High School or Enid Public Schools". It is our mission and responsibility to ensure every school

offers a safe and welcoming environment for every student, where they learn and thrive, as well as experience respect from the staff and their fellow students.

The Oklahoma State Conference, NAACP are calling on all students to not just post these incidents on social media. It is important that they report these incidents to some administrator on their campus ASAP, so that someone can identify the perpetrator.

The Oklahoma State Conference, NAACP remains ever vigilant and ever ready to fight back and when we fight, we win", racial profiling, targeting, injustice in our court system and discrimination is a serious matter that cannot and won't be tolerated.

From old to young, from black to white, from the ballot box to the boardroom, members of the NAACP have led the fight for civil and political liberty, social justice, and the true enactment of freedom. The safety and Welfare of all students around the state of Oklahoma, is one of our most important issue that we face today. Our students need to feel safe while attending any of our schools, colleges, or university. We are calling on all parents and leaders from around the State of Oklahoma to standup and support all students, no matter what school that they are attending.

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