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## **Middle School Band Performance Ends on a High Note**

*Jerry Zucker Middle School Band Rated "Excellent" at  
State Concert Festival*

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The Jerry Zucker Middle School Band performed at the state Concert Festival on Tuesday, March 26th at Burke High School. They were the only middle or high school from North Charleston to perform at the Concert Festival. They received an overall rating of "excellent," and one of the judges even gave them the highest rating possible, "superior." Comments from the judges included, "Nice looking group," "Well-disciplined band," "The best I have heard today," "You are doing many good things," and "Excellent instruction given by Mr. Romano. Very effective and efficient use of study time."

According to Mr. Mark Romano, director of the Zucker Band, Concert Festival is the "PASS test of the band world," and it is almost unprecedented for a band that is only two-years old to receive such a high score, especially as this was their first experience at Concert Festival. Concert Festival is an annual event sponsored by the South Carolina Band Directors Association.

The Zucker Band students who performed at Concert Festival include Jessica Boyd, Katie Clark, Mollie Tomkins and Katelynn Clark (flute); Le'Gaia Lowe, Kaela Sorrell, and Jarret Brogdon (clarinet); Bryon Ward (bass clarinet); Destiny Triplett, Jhyl'is Rhodes, and Talana Green (alto sax); Marquis Burdines (tenor sax); JayShaun Gadsden (baritone sax); Bryan Herrera, Jared Rivers, Kristina Ford, and Destiney Swinton (trumpet); Dezmond Triplett and Kysia Holston (French horn); Caleb Broom, Jakob Knouse, Knowlyn McCall, Joshua Bailey and Kevin DeGuzman (trombone); Tarayaez Raphael (euphonium); Lanard Chisolm (tuba); Zyan Madden, James Gulley, and Jakobe Brooks (percussion).

For more information regarding this event, please contact Principal Jacob Perlmutter or librarian Miranda Cary at (843) 767-8383.