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## Media Release

### **"Donuts With Dad"**

#### *Promoting Family Involvement at Jerry Zucker Middle School*

#### **Jerry Zucker Middle School**

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North Charleston— Jerry Zucker Middle School hosted its first annual "Donuts with Dad" event on Friday, October 23, 2015. Students and their dad, granddad, uncle, step-dad and adult brothers met in the school cafeteria for free donuts and drinks. The hour-long event included a presentation about the WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) program at Jerry Zucker Middle School. WATCH D.O.G.S. ® is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in their students' lives. The goal of the WATCH D.O.G.S.® program at Zucker is to have father-figures spend at least one day this year at the school to be a positive male role model and provide an extra set of eyes and ears.

Several community organizations participated in the "Donuts With Dad" event including Boeing, the North Charleston Fire Department, and the Charleston Battery. Representatives from each of these organizations presented their success stories detailing how students from the community served by Jerry Zucker Middle School can be successful and have rewarding careers.

The "Donuts With Dad" event was organized by Jerry Zucker Middle School's Parent Advocate, Mr. Dwayne Crankfield. Mr. Crankfield coordinates the WATCH D.O.G.S.® program at Zucker.

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

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