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MEMORANDUM

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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Hershel Lyons

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SUBJECT: Dads Take Your Child to School Day News and Updates

The Florida Department of Education has received an overwhelmingly positive response from families, schools, districts and communities about Dads Take Your Child to School Day, and I am excited to share news and updates regarding this initiative.

To kickoff Dads Take Your Child to School Day, I plan to participate in an event at Springwood Elementary School here in Tallahassee. Springwood's principal, Dr. Christopher Small, has implemented the WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program. This program is designed to get fathers and father figures involved in the education and safety of children by volunteering to serve at least one day a year in various school activities assigned by a school administrator or designee.

Again, schools are encouraged to invite dads to a brief, but significant, activity that welcomes them and provides them with information about how they can stay involved. We hope that this event will mark the beginning of continued involvement by dads and other male role models in schools.

Additional items have been added to the Dads Take Your Child to School Day toolkit to help schools promote and prepare for the event.

If more information is needed or if you have any questions, please contact Hope Williams by phone at 850-245-0847 or via email at Hope.Williams@fldoe.org.

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