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**Subject:** Lunch Buddies Visit (De'Shaun Booker)  
**Location:** St. George Middle School, Cafeteria, 600 Minus Street, St. George, S.C.  
**When:** 12/3/2015 10:50:00 AM - 11:30:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [ATT45917](#)  
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**SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Dorchester School District 4

**EVENT:** Lunch Buddies Visit (De'Shaun Booker)

**DATE:** Thursday, December 3, 2015

**TIME:** 10:50-11:30 AM

**LOCATION:** St. George Middle School, Cafeteria, 600 Minus Street, St. George, S.C.

**LOCATION SET-UP:** The event will take place in the cafeteria. There will be a designated area under the green awning for the Governor to speak with a microphone.

**SCHEDULING CONTACT:**

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**PURPOSE:** Governor Haley will visit St. George Middle School to recognize DeShaun Booker and participate in the Lunch Buddies program. DeShaun sent Governor Haley a letter and then met with the Governor in her office. After the meeting, the idea of the Lunch Buddies program evolved. Troopers have already visited as a part of the Lunch Buddies program, but this was the first date Governor Haley had available to travel to St. George to participate and eat lunch with DeShaun.

**PRESS:** Yes.

**PUBLIC:** Yes.

**ATTENDEES:**

About 100 students are scheduled to eat lunch during this time.

Family Members:

LaTrena Elmore (mother)

Debra Elmore (grandmother)

Frizel Elmore (great-grandmother)

Shirley Elmore (aunt)

Carolyn Felder (aunt)

Kesha Anderson (aunt)

Mattie Mays (aunt)

Nancy Britt- Stevens (cousin), Lamont Stevens (cousin) Eva Husser (pastor)

School Board:

Dr. Morris Ravenell, Dorchester District 4 Superintendent

Dr. Ken Jenkins, School Board Chairman

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Mr. Tony Folk, Board of Trustees

Ms. Angie Crum, Board of Trustees

Ms. Phyliss Hughes, Board of Trustees

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Ms. Elixzina Goodwin, Director of Technology

Mr. Marty Connelly, Director of Finance

Mr. Andrew Gentry, Dorchester Eagle Record

Mr. Willie R. Davis, Dorchester County Council

Legislative Delegation:

Rep. Jefferson (confirmed to attend)

Rep. Patsy Knight (confirmed to attend)

**DPS PARTICIPANTS:**

- Director Smith
- Colonel, LTC and other SCHP representatives
- Sgt. Beres, Communications

**INVITED BY:** DeShaun Booker and Director Leroy Smith

**INTRODUCED BY:** Director Leroy Smith

**LENGTH OF SPEAKING:** 5-7 minutes

**SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:**

10:50 AM Governor Haley arrives and is greeted by Principal Jeffery Thompson and Director Smith outside the school

10:52 AM Principal Thompson welcomes everyone to the school

10:54 AM Introduce Director Leroy Smith, SC Department of Public Safety

Director speaks for a few minutes on origins of TYTL Program and Lunch Buddies and introduces Governor Haley

10:57 AM Gov. Haley introduces

11:05 AM Governor will eat lunch w/DeShaun and friends and meet students

Director, Colonel, other troopers eat lunch with the children.

11:20 AM Lunch ends

**BACKGROUND:**

They would like for the Governor to address the following in her remarks:

- Introduce DeShaun Booker
- Give background of the letter he sent her
- Talk about how DeShaun's school is the first to participate in Lunch Buddies
- Explain troopers have already visited as part of Lunch Buddies program
- Discuss expanding Lunch Buddies around the state
- Explain why mentoring programs like this are important.

**TALKING POINTS:**

- First of all, I want to thank Principal Thompson and everyone at St. George Middle School for inviting me to be a part of the Lunch Buddies program today.
- This really is an important program that I hope all of the students here will take advantage of. All of you are getting an opportunity to be a part of something in its early stages that can change South Carolina for the better.
- I've always said that South Carolina is such a special place because of our people, and while South Carolina is still that special place, we have had a difficult year that has brought some challenges.
- Those challenges have shown us that there is room to improve and that there is room for positive change, but the same people who make South Carolina so special are going to be the driving force behind that change.
- We actually happen to have one of those people here with us today.
- You all know DeShaun Booker as a student here at St. George, but I know him as a shining example of a young person who has realized that the power of his voice is as strong as any adult's, politician's, or "grown up's."
- Back in April, when South Carolina was facing a tragedy, DeShaun wrote me a letter expressing his desire to work for change.
- So I asked DeShaun to come to Columbia to meet with me, and we talked about how to change the relationship between the African American community and our state's law enforcement officers.
- DeShaun recognized that, while there have been some tragic situations involving our police officers, they are here to protect each and every one of us and they deserve our respect and gratitude.
- Since then, DeShaun and my Department of Public Safety have been on a mission, and that's why we're here today.
- The Lunch Buddies program is only one part of what we are calling the "Today's Youth, Tomorrow's Leaders. Program."

- This is so important because it gives you the opportunity to see these men and women as the people that they are, rather than just a uniform and badge.
- They're here today because each of you are important to them, and they chose to be in law enforcement because they want to serve and protect the people of our great state.
- So I want to ask you to do a few things.
  - A) I want you to look at DeShaun as an example of how powerful your voices are and how much change you can bring if you engage in what is going on in the world around you.
  - B) I want you to take advantage of having these officers here. They're here because they want to get to know you, so please get to know them, listen to them, and learn from them.
- Again, thank you for the opportunity to be with you today.