MEDIA ADVISORY
FORMER ASTRONAUT'S DREAM TOUR
TO TOUCH DOWN AT WAGNER MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHO: School District of Philadelphia Deputy Superintendent Dr. Leroy Nunery, retired NASA astronaut and Harris Foundation founder Dr. Bernard Harris, students, teachers and parents

WHAT: The Harris Foundation’s Dream Tour assembly program, sponsored by Exxon-Mobil, promotes personal skill-building through the study of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)

WHERE: The School District of Philadelphia’s Wagner Middle School
1701 W. Chelten Avenue

WHEN: December 10, 2010
10 a.m.

The first African American to walk in space, former NASA astronaut Dr. Bernard Harris will talk with 600 Wagner students about reaching for the stars as well as realizing their own personal potential through the problem-solving skills they learn in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

The School District of Philadelphia promotes excellence in STEM through its core curriculum, professional development for teachers, intensive one-on-one student and school counselor interaction focusing on college and career exploration, District partnerships with higher education and STEM-related businesses, and support for STEM-related school clubs such as robotics. All of these initiatives are linked to the District’s five-year strategic plan, Imagine 2014.

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