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### **Runners and Walkers Have a Chance to Put on Their Running Shoes for Education**

**Dobson, NC** — The Surry County Schools Educational Foundation will host runners, walkers, healthy living enthusiasts, and education supporters on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual MAD Dash 5K & Fun Run. The race is the Foundation’s first fundraiser of the year and will help provide resources for students and teachers, especially during this unique school year, and into the summer. This year, the event will take place at Fisher River Park in Dobson, NC, and an option to participate virtually has been added to the event. The Foundation is proud to have Surry Insurance as the 2021 Event Sponsor.

“Unfortunately, last year, we had to cancel this event due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Ashley Mills, Managing Director of the Foundation. “Losing the fundraiser last year made a negative impact on how the Foundation could provide needed resources for students and teachers. I am hopeful this year’s 5K event can get us back on track!”

Surry County School System students benefit from generous donors and event sponsors through creative and innovative classroom projects like bringing books about leadership to students. At Dobson Elementary, each student, including those learning remotely, receives a book each month that focuses on a specific leadership trait, like being considerate. This project, which brings new excitement to reading and reinforces our leadership framework, is made possible through events like the annual MAD Dash 5K.

All corporate teams and individuals are invited to participate and can register for the 8th Annual MAD Dash 5K at <https://MADDash5K.itsyourrace.com> or by contacting Ashley Mills at (336) 386-8211. For more information about how generous donors provide resources to teachers for exciting educational opportunities, please visit [www.scsfoundation.org](http://www.scsfoundation.org).

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