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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: USAREUR School Home Community Partnership Program

This memorandum expires in 1 year.

1. Reference Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA), School Home Community Partnership Training Manual, February 1999, volumes I through IV.
2. USAREUR is committed to promoting student achievement by supporting our youth and schools. When families, teachers, and members of the community work together, students get a better education. An active School Home Community Partnership (SHCP) program fosters this interaction by combining the talents and efforts of these groups to provide our students with stimulating and well-rounded educational opportunities.
3. To ensure the success of the SHCP program, area support group (ASG) and base support battalion (BSB) commanders will—
 - a. Coordinate SHCP requirements with units in their areas of responsibility.
 - b. Appoint school liaison officers to manage their SHCP programs.
 - c. Assign a sponsor unit for each Department of Defense Dependents School.
4. Sponsor-unit commanders will—
 - a. Brief school administrators and teachers on their unit's mission and training events at least annually.
 - b. Solicit and support volunteers in the partnership program (soldiers, spouses, civilians, and retirees are invited to take part).
 - c. Help school personnel develop voluntary mentoring programs, tutoring programs, and educational events (for example, career days, college fairs). Take advantage of opportunities to provide leadership growth for students. If the mission allows, soldiers should be excused from regular duty to take part in these programs and events.
 - d. Support school functions and projects.
 - e. Ensure school personnel are included in unit activities when appropriate.

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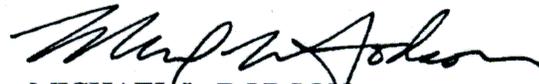
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f. Encourage soldiers and civilian employees with children in school to attend parent teacher conferences by giving them time off or administrative leave to attend these meetings.

5. The DODEA SHCP program relies on key communicators, which are crucial volunteer positions in the district, schools, and communities. ASG, BSB, and unit commanders should work closely with school officials and support their key communicators through the school liaison officer to help communities move from rhetoric to action. This will establish effective partnership among parents, educators, and school community members. Research shows that parental involvement in a child's education is a key factor for success in school. When community partnerships are established, parental involvement is nurtured and our schools will receive the support they need to meet the academic needs of all students.

6. Supporting the SHCP program provides a way to bring families, teachers, and other members of the community together in one shared goal—to give our children the best education possible and encourage academic excellence.

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