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MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE DEPENDENTS EDUCATION COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Minutes of the June 26, 2003, Meeting

The Dependents Education Council (DEC) met on June 26, 2003, at the Webb Building, at 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia. The meeting was hosted and chaired by Mr. Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. A listing of member representatives is attached.

**DEC MEETING OVERVIEW:**

Dr. Joseph D. Tafoya, Director, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) and Executive Secretary, DEC, opened the meeting. Mr. Abell provided opening comments and asked the members to introduce themselves. Major General Robert M. Shea, USMC, Deputy Commander for U.S. Forces Japan, was attending for the first time.

There were no changes or corrections offered to the minutes from the November 6, 2002 DEC. Dr. Tafoya gave a preview of the video clips from the commencement ceremony which was held at Gen. H. H. Arnold High School in Wiesbaden, Germany. Efforts to include service members serving in Iraq included video teleconferencing of the ceremony, tapes of the service members to their graduating seniors, and tributes from the graduates to their parents. After viewing the tape, Dr. Tafoya stated that Gen. H. H. Arnold High School was one of many schools that were able to create connections with their graduates and deployed parents.

The meeting proceeded with discussions and briefings of previous DEC issues including:

**INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING:**

Budget Update:

Ms. Finocchiaro, DoDEA Comptroller, provided the group with an update to the FY 2003 budget and FY 2004-2009 Program Objectives Memorandum (POM) submission. The slides were in the DEC notebook. She described the breakout of funds between the areas and headquarters, and then explained the reductions and adjustments to the DoDEA budget for FY 2003. Dr. Tafoya commented that although the reductions are levied, DoDEA receives some of the funds back each year. In discussion of the POM issues, Ms. Finocchiaro explained that DoDEA received all of the Special Education funds that were requested. Additional meetings with the Residential

Communities Initiative (RCI) team will be necessary to determine the impact of the proposed reduction in the number of housing units to be built at Fort Bragg, Fort Campbell, and Fort Stewart.

Item closed.

Military Construction (MILCON) Status:

Ms. Finocchiaro, as Acting Director, Management, briefed the group on the outcome of the MILCON Prioritization meeting held on June 25. While reviewing the slides for the FY2003 MILCON program, she explained that the line items for classroom additions are to accommodate reduced Pupil to Teacher Ratio and full day kindergarten. The issue of the high school and Navy base elementary/middle school in Guam was discussed. The original plans were to build the high school in FY 2005 and the elementary/middle school in FY 2006. PACFLT representative was asked to pursue other options working with DoDEA and PACOM.

Item open.

Summer School Programs for 2003:

Papers were submitted by the three areas describing the current status of summer school programs in the areas. Dr. Middlemiss described the SAIL program which is under development and is a Distance Learning offering in several subject areas that could be utilized by students as a future alternative.

Item open.

ULB Update APF/NAF Dependent Eligibility Change:

The discussion centered around the proposal to change eligibility of APF/NAF employee dependents from space-available to space-required. It was agreed that the services have different interpretations of this ULB, and may require some clarification. This needs to be approved before the Contractor ULB to prevent contractor children bumping APF/NAF children.
Mr. Abell stated that he would do whatever necessary to help the voters understand the intent of the proposal.

Item open.

ULB Update Contractor Dependent Eligibility Change:

This proposal asks to change the category of contractor dependents from space-available, tuition-paying, to space-required, tuition-paying. There were no questions or comments from the group.

Item open.

Trends for Contractors requirements:

This paper shows the information received from the services from the data call for the number of contractor school age children for 2001 and 2002, and projections of the same for 2003-2005. Input was received from USAFE, PACAF, USAREUR, EUSA, and Ft. Buchanan.

Item closed.

90 Day Rule Extensions:

MARFORLANT requested that the 90-Day Rule Extension memorandum be revised to accommodate approval of requests in batches instead of one by one. Discussion followed as General Mize explained that the memo is written in a way that would cause a lot of administrative overhead. Mr. Abell responded that the intent was that each case be reviewed to ensure that eligible students be served and that ineligible students be denied. He stated that we may not have worded the memo as clearly as we could, and perhaps should have better been written on a case-by-case basis instead of on an individual basis. Mr. Abell said that he would write a "what we meant to say" letter. If that doesn't fit the bill, topic will be discussed again.

Item closed.

Guidance for Overseas Installation Commanders Regarding Home Schooling:

Ms. Maxanne Witkin, General Counsel addressed the group in this session. She stated that Commanders should consult with their local legal counsel regarding specific issues on their installations. Mr. Abell suggested that we could come up with a 15 minute presentation and/or paper that could be used to brief new Commanders as they come on board.

Item open.

Changes Impacting Schools:

DoDEA requested that the services advise, at the earliest opportunity, of any changes of location of forces. Dr. Tafoya advised that DoDEA needs to be brought in as early as possible in order to handle the impact on MILCON decisions and the budget impact that draw-downs bring to the schools. A partial list of small schools with declining student populations was included with the paper.

Item open.

Special Education POM:

Dr. Middlemiss briefed the group on the advances progress in the implementation of the Special Education Initiative. This is a 6 year program targeted to provide marked improvement in the program.

Item open.

Read 180:

Dr. Tafoya invited the group to visit a Read 180 class in DoDEA high schools where amazing results are being attained for the reluctant reader. DoDEA is looking to include Special Ed. children in this program.

Item closed.

Citizen Participation in Election Process:

There is a concerted effort to encourage participation of all eligible voters. The Social Studies curriculum will have an emphasis on the right to vote. Superintendents will stress the importance of voting to students, especially 18 year old high school seniors.

Item closed.

DoDEA/Florida State University Math and Science Partnership Proposal Submitted to the National Science Foundation:

Despite the fact that the proposal submitted by Florida State University on behalf of DoDEA was declined, the panel provided valuable feedback that will aid DoDEA in presenting a successful proposal in the future. Taking on the challenge, DoDEA will use the feedback to strengthen the proposal and will resubmit it. Several goals outlined in the proposal will be addressed without the additional funds. The focus will be on core competencies in science and with an emphasis on depth.

Item closed.

DoDEA Performance Contract Brief:

The DoDEA FY 2002/2003 Performance Contracts were briefed by Irma Finocchiaro, Comptroller and Acting Associate Director for Management. She presented the successful results against the FY 2002 contract, and the goals and estimate of attainment for the FY 2003 contract in all areas – student achievement, allocated cost per pupil, pupil/teacher ratio, teacher certification/school accreditation, full Local Area Network, and pupil/staff ratios. The customer survey was completed recently and will be available in early July to our stakeholders. For future

surveys, DoDEA will work with the commands in developing surveys to standardize and streamline survey questions.

Item closed.

DoDEA Eligibility Review and Action Plan:

Mike Lynch presented the findings of the eligibility review, which took place in all DoDEA areas, at designated sites with a high focus on space available enrollments. The briefing covered the problem areas and reasons for inaccurate designations, along with plans to correct the problems. No changes in staff or funding will occur for the upcoming school year. DoDEA will meet with the commands to discuss the approach to effected personnel. Draw-downs in troops, retirements, and openings related to educational equity in small elementary and middle schools will create a need for experienced educators. This issue will be discussed again in the November DEC meeting.

Item Open.

Authorization for SOUTHCOM to Use CONUS Residential Schools Vice London Central Dorm and Non-DoDDS Residential Placement Program for High School Students:

SOUTHCOM presented this paper asking authorization of the use of CONUS residential schools as an alternate to the London Central Dorm. A table listing locations where SOUTHCOM deemed the educational facilities inadequate is included with the paper. The London Central Dorm usage was studied few years ago and a decision was made to keep the dorm open. DoDEA will look at this issue again in November and prepare a discussion paper of the status at that time.

Item open.

Bahrain and Turkey Evacuations of Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS):

Discussion centered around the steps which resulted in the successful evacuation and return of employees and families from Bahrain and Turkey. Diana Ohman, Director, DoDDS-Europe and Mike Lynch, DoDEA Chief of Staff were lauded for their efforts. DoD's decision to give parents an option to return now or delay until the school year ended was well received.

Item closed.

Establishment of an International School on Okinawa, Japan under the DoDDS Umbrella:

This was an informational brief on a concept paper. No action is required.

Item closed.

Free and Reduced Meal Program Income Calculations:

The change in calculation of income will be effective beginning of next school year. Regarding the use of Hawaii numbers vs. Alaska numbers, (EUCOM) prefers the Alaska rate.

Item closed.

Interscholastic Sports Program for DoDDS Middle School Students:

USFJ presented this paper requesting an interscholastic sports program for middle school students. The discussions included a suggestion to team with MWR to provide a program. A question arose regarding security concerns with the travel involved. DoDEA staff will work with all PACOM components and come back to the November DEC with a paper on the findings.

Item closed.

Earlier School Start/Midterm Exams before Holidays:

The issue is for the school year to be arranged so that exams occur before the winter holiday instead of after. It was reported that changing the start of the school year in Pacific would cost $800K per day. DoDEA will look at this request and report back at the November DEC meeting.

Item open.

Additional Preparation Time for DoDDS Teachers:

The issue paper is for additional time before the first day of school for teachers to prepare their classrooms and establish their households. Some areas have authorized additional days for new teachers and reduced the number of required staff meetings prior to the opening of school. DoDEA will continue to look at this.

Item open.

Non-DoD Education in U.K., Canada, and Australia:

DEC was advised that DoD dependent students in the U.K., Canada, and Australian must attend state-supported (public) schools, if available. They are not eligible to attend private schools through the Non-DoD programs. The further issue is in the wording of the ASD memorandum which establishes two "classes" of DoD dependents: those whose sponsors are exchange officers or assigned to a Host Nation activity, and all others. The first group may use private schools, but the second group will not be reimbursed for tuition if they elect to send their children to private schools. It was agreed that the next DEC meeting would address implementation and "grandfathering."

Item open.

Status of Transportation Security Initiatives:

DEC was updated on each of the Areas' bus security attendants and equipment for an automated vehicle locator.

Item closed.

DDESS Transfer Study:

The ongoing study of whether individual Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools are better operated by DoDEA or a Local Education Activity has completed Phase I. The study is currently in Phase II and is scheduled for completion in February 2004. Recommendations will be reported to OSD in February 2004.

Item open.

Joseph D. Tafoya
Executive Secretary

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| **General John M. Keane, USA**<br>***Acting Chief of Staff, U.S. Army***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**Mr. Pete Issac, SES**<br>**Chief, Operation Officer**<br>**U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center** | **Admiral Vern Clark, USN**<br>***Chief of Naval Operations***<br><br>**Attendee: No Flag level Attendee Representative**<br>**Captain Edward Gantt, USN**<br>**Executive Assistant to Director of Naval Education and Training** |
| **General John P. Jumper, USAF**<br>***Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**Major General Peter U. Sutton, USAF**<br>**Director of Learning and Force Development, Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel, Headquarters United States Air Force** | **General Michael W. Hagee, USMC**<br>***Commandant of the Marine Corps***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**Mr. Michael P. Downs, SES**<br>**Director Personal and Family Readiness Division** |
| **General James L. Jones, USMC**<br>***Commander, U.S. European Command***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**Major General Craig P. Rasmussen, USAF**<br>**Director, Logistics and Security Assistance** | **Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN**<br>***Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command***<br><br>**Attendee: No Flag Level Attendee Representative:**<br>**COL Timothy F. Robertson, USA**<br>**Director, Manpower and Personnel** |
| **General James T. Hill, USA**<br>***Combatant Commander, U.S. Southern Command***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**Mr. Thomas Meeks, SES**<br>**Advisor to the Commander USSOUTHCOM Sustaining Base / Quality of Life Affairs** | **General Tommy R. Franks, USA**<br>***Commander, U.S. Central Command***<br><br>**Attendee: No Flag Level Attendee Representative:**<br>**Colonel Cheryl L. Zadlo, USAF**<br>**Director, Manpower and Personnel** |
| **Admiral Thomas B. Fargo, USN**<br>***Commander, U.S. Pacific Command***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**Major General Ronald L. Lowe, USA**<br>**Chief of Staff**<br>**U.S. Pacific Command** | **General William J. Begert, USAF**<br>***Commander, Pacific Air Forces***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**General William J. Begert, USAF**<br>**Commander, Pacific Air Forces** |

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| **Admiral Walter F. Doran, USN**<br>***Commander, Pacific Fleet***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**Mr. Michael G. Akin, SES**<br>**Executive Director, Shore Installations Management**<br>**CINCPACFLT N46A** | **General B. B. Bell, USA**<br>***Commanding General***<br>***U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**No Attendee** |
| **General Gregory S. Martin, USAF**<br>***Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**Brigadier General Stanley Gorenc, USAF**<br>**Director, Plans and Programs** | **Admiral Gregory G. Johnson, USN**<br>***Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe***<br><br>**Attendee: No Flag Level Attendee**<br>**Representative:**<br>**Ms. Deborah Williams**<br>**Quality of Life Program Manager, NAVEUR** |
| **General Leon J. LaPorte, USA**<br>***Commanding General, U.S. Forces Korea***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**Brigadier General John A. MacDonald, USA**<br>**Director, Korea Region**<br>**Installation Management Agency** | **Lieutenant General James L. Campbell, USA**<br>***Commanding General, U.S. Army, Pacific***<br><br>**Attendee: No Flag Level Attendee**<br>**Representative:**<br>**Col Lorrine E. Tyacke**<br>**Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel, G-1** |
| **Lieutenant General E. B. Hailston, USMC**<br>***Commander, U.S. Marine Forces Pacific***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**Brigadier General Timothy R. Larsen, USMC**<br>**Commanding General, Marine Corps Base**<br>**Camp Butler, Japan** | **Lieutenant General Martin R. Berndt, USMC**<br>***Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Atlantic***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**Major General David Mize, USMC**<br>**Commanding General, MCB Camp Lejeune** |
| **Lieutenant General Tim Kinnan, USAF**<br>***U.S. Military Representative, NATO Headquarters***<br><br>**Attendee: No Flag Level Attendee**<br>**Representative:**<br>**CDR Tim LaBelle, USN**<br>**Brussels American School Advisory Committee**<br>**Chairman** | **Lieutenant General Thomas C. Waskow, USAF**<br>***Commander, U.S. Forces Japan***<br><br>**Attendee:**<br>**Major General Robert M. Shea, USMC**<br>**Deputy Commander** |
| **Flag Visitor**<br>**Rear Admiral Patrick W. Dunne**<br>**Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas** | |