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The Department of Defense Education Activity's commitment to serving a large, highly mobile, worldwide community sets it apart from the vast number of school systems nationwide. Its strength as a learning enterprise derives from an ongoing community strategic planning process. Enlightened thinking, energy, and creativity are brought to the challenges of building an environment for all children to grow, learn, and achieve their potential. The Department of Defense's sustained success educating children for over 50 years reaffirms the soundness of these efforts and paves the way for the coming of the new millennium.