

■ 1999-2000 was more than just another school year—it was the dawning of a new millennium. At times of such historical milestones, our thoughts often turn to the role of change in our lives. We review past accomplishments while refining our aspirations for the future. The 1999-2000 Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Annual Report provides the information about our schools that creates a context for understanding our achievements as well as a baseline for the development of higher goals for the coming years. It is a profile of the change and continual improvement that are critical to the preparation of our students for the opportunities and challenges they will encounter as they and the millennium advance.

■ Part of my commitment as Director, and DoDEA's charge as an activity of the Department of Defense, is to make all aspects of our operations accessible to the public. We want the military commands and the families we serve to know how we use our resources and how successful we are in achieving the ever more rigorous goals we set for our educators and students.

■ DoDEA has a cadre of exceptional educators who, guided by our community Strategic Plan, work diligently to optimize learning and the potential for the future success of all our students. I invite you to read this report to learn more about our students' performance and about the distribution of the human and material resources that make that work possible.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

