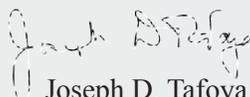


## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) is extremely proud of its schools, its educators and its students. This booklet provides a general overview of our schools and the exceptional academic performance of our students. I invite you to use this booklet as a reference, but hope you understand that numbers and graphs cannot represent the talent, dedication to mission, and devotion to military families, that really distinguish our schools.

The children of active duty military service members move from one location to another – often to another continent – on the average of once every three years. They must also contend with the reality that, in times of conflict, duty may place their mothers, fathers, or both, in harm's way. Additional stress is placed upon families when one parent is deployed, something much more the rule than the exception. DoDEA teachers, counselors and administrators understand the tempo of life and the needs of children living in a military community. They seamlessly tailor schedules, activities and instruction to the reality that is the life of a military child. They create dynamic learning environments that anticipate needs and address the special circumstances of military life, and our students are extremely successful.

The high test scores, graduation rate, earned scholarships and university entrance data of our students are impressive. But the most important thing, the variable that makes DoDEA truly unique, is the caliber of its people. While I encourage everyone to review that aspect of success reflected by our test scores and other data, I want everyone to remember that behind every DoDEA success there is a corps of talented, dedicated people. In a way this booklet is a profile of their work.

  
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