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**DoDEA ENHANCES EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
Full-Day Kindergarten to be Offered at 49 DoDDS Sites  
Pupil-Teacher Ratio to be Reduced in Primary Grades at  
18 DoDDS and 25 DDESS Schools**

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA - The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) today released a list of 49 Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) selected to offer full-day kindergarten in school year (SY) 1999-2000. (List attached) This represents an addition of 20 sites to the list released in April. Of the 49 sites, eighteen were also selected to implement reduced pupil-teacher ratios (PTR) in grades 1-3. A total of 25 Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) will also implement reduced PTR in grades 1-3 starting in SY 1999-2000. This represents an increase of 10 sites over those announced in April.

The selection of schools was done according to established protocols that include: the identification of priority sites through consideration of community needs; district superintendents' and principals' recommendations, availability of adequate classroom space; and, in the case of new full-day kindergarten classes, access to kitchen facilities, age-appropriate restrooms, and appropriate playground facilities.

Through the efforts of DoDEA and its military partners, additional funds were secured in the President's Budget to underwrite these two critical elements of DoDEA's early childhood education program: full-day kindergarten and reduced class size in grades 1-3. The motivation for these initiatives is to enhance and accelerate student performance. Research has shown that there are substantial academic and social benefits to be gained by children enrolled in full-day kindergarten programs. While schools in DDESS have offered full-day kindergarten programs for some time, schools in DoDDS have offered partial day kindergarten programs.

As part of its commitment to provide full-day kindergarten and reduced class size to all eligible children in the primary grades, DoDEA has also begun plans for future expansion of these initiatives. Each DoDEA area convened Initiatives Prioritization Committees (IPCs) to prioritize sites for SY 2000-2005 implementation, and to ensure maximum command and stakeholder involvement in the planning process. A worldwide IPC met at DoDEA in May to develop the overall SY 2000-2005 implementation plan.

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### Schools Announced for SY 1999-2000 Implementation in APRIL 1999

<b>District</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>School</b>
Brussels	Bitburg	Wuerzburg	Bad Kissingen
Brussels	Brussels <sup>1</sup>	Wuerzburg	Rainbow <sup>1</sup>
Brussels	Geilenkirchen	Wuerzburg	Amberg <sup>1</sup>
Brussels	Spangdahlem		
Cuba	Sampson		
Heidelberg	Garmisch	Alabama	Rucker ES <sup>2</sup>
Heidelberg	Robinson Barracks <sup>1</sup>	Alabama	Rucker PS <sup>2</sup>
Heidelberg	Bad Aibling	Antilles	Antilles IS <sup>2</sup>
Hessen	Sportfield	Antilles	Antilles ES <sup>2</sup>
Hessen	Gelnhausen	Camp Lejeune	Tarawa Terrace I <sup>2</sup>
Hessen	Giessen <sup>1</sup>	Camp Lejeune	Russell <sup>2</sup>
Italy	Verona <sup>1</sup>	Camp Lejeune	Stone Street <sup>2</sup>
Italy	La Maddalena <sup>1</sup>	Camp Lejeune	Berkley Manor <sup>2</sup>
Italy	Livorno	Camp Lejeune	Tarawa Terrace II <sup>2</sup>
Italy	Naples <sup>1</sup>	Fort Benning	McBride <sup>2</sup>
Kaiserslautern	Dexheim	Fort Benning	White <sup>2</sup>
Kaiserslautern	Sembach	Fort Stewart	Brittin <sup>2</sup>
Korea	Joy	Fort Stewart	Diamond <sup>2</sup>
Korea	Pusan	Virginia	Ashurst <sup>2</sup>
Turkey	Ankara	Virginia	Russell <sup>2</sup>
Turkey	Sevilla		
Turkey	Rota <sup>1</sup>		
Turkey	Bahrain <sup>1</sup>		
United Kingdom	Croughton		
United Kingdom	West Ruislip		
United Kingdom	Alconbury <sup>1</sup>		

<sup>1</sup> Full Day Kindergarten Only

<sup>2</sup> Reduced Pupil-Teacher Ratio Only

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**Schools Added to List for SY 1999-2000 Implementation**

<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>
<b>Full-day Kindergarten</b>		<b>Reduced Pupil-Teacher Ratios</b>	
Brussels	Kleine-Brogel	Antilles	Ramey
Heidelberg	Mannheim	Dahlgren	Dahlgren
Heidelberg	Patch	Fort Jackson	Hood Street
Heidelberg	Boeblingen	Fort Bragg	Murray
Hessen	Aukamm	Fort Bragg	Holbrook
Hessen	Bad Nauheim	Fort Bragg	Devers
Hessen	Butzbach	Fort Bragg	Bowley
Hessen	Halvorsen-Tunner	Maxwell	Maxwell ES
Hessen	Hainerberg	South Carolina	Pierce Terrace
Japan	Arnn	South Carolina	Laurel Bay IS
Okinawa	Bechtel		
Okinawa	Hope		
Okinawa	Kadena		
Okinawa	Killin		
Okinawa	Kinser		
Okinawa	Stearly Heights		
Okinawa	Zukeran		
Turkey	Incirlik		
Turkey	Izmir		
United Kingdom	Iceland		