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DoDEA Identifies New Sites for Full Day Kindergarten And Reduced Class Size in Grades 1 - 3

Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Director Lillian Gonzalez today released a list of the twenty-nine DoDDS (overseas) schools that have been selected to offer full-day kindergarten in school year (SY) 1999-2000. Of these, eighteen were also selected to implement reduced pupil-teacher ratios (PTR) in grades 1-3. She also released a list of fifteen DDESS (domestic) schools that will have reduced PTR in grades 1-3 starting in SY 1999-2000. In the event that other schools are added to the current lists, the public will be notified immediately.

“Two major goals of our Early Childhood educational initiative,” stated Gonzalez, “are to provide full-day kindergarten to all the eligible children in our schools, and to reduce the class size in grades 1-3 to a PTR of one to eighteen. Unfortunately, budgetary constraints and the lack of appropriate facilities at some schools made it impossible to implement these initiatives to every DoDEA school this year. We will continue to work with our military partners until we achieve our goals for every child.”

The selection of schools was done according to established protocols that included: the identification of priority sites through the consideration of community needs, the recommendations of district superintendents and principals; the 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.

- Initial sites for SY 1999-2000 implementation were identified based upon the following:
 - Priority I – meets facility requirements
 - Priority II – deferrable facility requirements
 - Priority III – nondeferrable facility requirements

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All sites selected for full-day kindergarten and reduced PTR met the criteria for Priority I and Priority II. No sites were selected from the Priority III group.

- District and Area Superintendents selected Priority II schools based upon community needs. The extraordinary facility requirements in the Pacific precluded any further expansion of full-day kindergarten.
- DoDEA convened community committees (Initiatives Prioritization Committees – IPCs) in each DoDEA area to prioritize sites for SY 2000-2005 implementation and to ensure maximum command and stakeholder involvement in the planning process. A Worldwide IPC will meet at DoDEA in late May to develop the SY 2000-2005 implementation plan.

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**DoDDS Sites for Full-Day Kindergarten Programs
School Year 1999-2000**

<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>
1. Brussels	Bitburg*
2. Brussels	Brussels
3. Brussels	Geilenkirchen*
4. Brussels	Spangdahlem*
5. Heidelberg	Bad Aibling*
6. Heidelberg	Garmisch*
7. Heidelberg	Robinson Barracks
8. Hessen	Gelnhausen*
9. Hessen	Giessen
10. Hessen	Sportfield*
11. Italy	La Maddalena
12. Italy	Livorno*
13. Italy	Naples
14. Italy	Verona
15. Kaiserslautern	Dexheim*
16. Kaiserslautern	Sembach*
17. Turkey	Ankara*
18. Turkey	Bahrain
19. Turkey	Rota
20. Turkey	Sevilla*
21. United Kingdom	Alconbury
22. United Kingdom	Croughton*
23. United Kingdom	West Ruislip*
24. Panama	Sampson ES/HS (Cuba)*
25. Wuerzburg	Amberg
26. Wuerzburg	Bad Kissingen*
27. Wuerzburg	Rainbow
28. Korea	Joy ES*
29. Korea	Pusan ES/HS*

* Schools will also have reduced class sizes in grades 1 - 3

**DDESS Sites for Reduced Class Size
School Year 1999-2000**

<u>District</u>	<u>School</u>
1. Alabama	Rucker ES
2. Alabama	Rucker PS
3. Antilles	Antilles ES
4. Antilles	Antilles IS
5. Camp Lejeune	Berkley Manor ES
6. Camp Lejeune	Stone Street ES
7. Camp Lejeune	Tarawa I ES
8. Camp Lejeune	Tarawa II ES
9. Camp Lejeune	Russell ES
10. Fort Benning	McBride ES
11. Fort Benning	White ES
12. Fort Stewart	Brittin ES
13. Fort Stewart	Diamond ES
14. Virginia	Ashurst ES
15. Virginia	Russell ES

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