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New DoDEA Deputy Director for Europe Selected

Arlington, VA. The Honorable Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, today announced the selection of Diana Ohman as DoDEA Deputy Director for Europe. The selection was made through a competitive process that enlisted the participation of representatives from all interested groups: the military, parents, teachers, and senior DoDEA staff.

Ohman, most recently Superintendent of the Laramie County School District #1, Cheyenne, Wyoming, brings a broad background of public service, management and educational leadership to her new post. Over the last two decades she has served as the Wyoming Secretary of State, Wyoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction, a member of the Wyoming State Board of Education, the Wyoming Community College Commission, the University of Wyoming State Board of Trustees, and a Commissioner to the North Central Association (NCA), DoDEA's accrediting association. She was also an elementary school principal, Migrant School Administrator, Special Program Director, and teacher. Ohman has received numerous commendations and awards including being named a National Distinguished Principal of the Year by the U.S. Office of Education in 1990 and Campbell County Wyoming Teacher of the Year in 1980.

As Wyoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction from 1991 to 1994, Ohman was responsible for the oversight of 49 school districts dispersed over a wide geographical area including 7,000 teachers and 500 administrators. The schools served approximately 100,000 students. In that capacity, she developed standards for school accreditation and teacher certification and created the Wyoming Professional Teaching Standards Board. She has been recognized for her experience and expertise in the education of high mobility student populations, standards based instruction, her advocacy for students with disabilities, and her development of technology systems to assist in the management of geographically dispersed schools and school districts. The success she has achieved in all her previous positions is widely attributed to her exemplary management skills and talent as a coalition builder and communicator.

Ohman holds a Masters Degree in Education Administration and Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Wyoming, as well as an Associates Degree in Elementary Education from Casper College, Casper, Wyoming, and a private pilot's license. She is the recipient of numerous awards and certificates for community service and professional achievement.

The date Ohman will assume the position of DoDEA Deputy Director for Europe, with responsibility for the oversight of all eight Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) districts in Europe has not yet been set.

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