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MEMORANDUM FOR DODEA AREA DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: *Purple Up! For Military Kids*, April 20, 2016

Throughout the month of April, numerous military commands will plan special events to honor military-connected children. This year, we are inviting everyone to participate in the initiative – *Purple Up! For Military Kids*. All in the Department of Defense Education Activity community worldwide are encouraged to wear purple on Wednesday, April 20 as a visible way to show unconditional support for the heroism, character, courage, sacrifices, and continued resilience of our military-connected children and their families. No matter the Service, the color purple symbolizes all branches of the military.

Some states and organizations have chosen to celebrate *Purple Up! For Military Kids* on a different date in April to coincide with other special events. No matter the date, the spirit remains the same; we support our military-connected students. Our military children and families help sustain our fighting force, which we rely on for the security and safety of our Nation's families and communities. It is important to emphasize and recognize the role that military children play while our Service members, their parents, are serving the Nation.

For additional information about *Purple Up! For Military Kids*, please contact the Educational Partnership and Resources Branch via e-mail at hq.partnership@hq.dodea.edu or by telephone at DSN (312) 372-6026/ (571) 372-6026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda L. Curtis".

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