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CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOOL YEARS 1946-1947 to 2021-2022

The Department of Defense Education Activity officially marks its 75th anniversary during the 2021-2022 school year. The 75th anniversary commemoration focuses on the rich record of service and tenure at locations overseas and in the United States and its territories. It is a celebration of all the entities, past and present, that have proudly served military-connected students.

A few schools on military bases within the continental United States and its territories were operating prior to World War II. However, the school system we know today formally began with the establishment of dependents schools in October 1946 in the occupied countries of Germany, Austria and Japan. Since that foundational school year, the DoDEA footprint has expanded across the country and around the world to meet the educational needs of military-connected students. In 1994, Congress unified the domestic and overseas operations under the Department of Defense Education Activity.

Not every school has been in operation for the 75-year span of our organizational history; however, every school has played a pivotal role during their tenure in telling the DoDEA story. **School Name** is proud to be part of that noble mission and the contribution that our school staff makes each and every day to our military-connected students, their families and the commands we serve here in **Name Community**.

Starting this October, we will join in commemorating this major milestone and in celebrating our history and service, including the students and teachers who have built the legacy we enjoy today.

Look for more information soon. We welcome your participation in our future 75th anniversary celebration.