

DoDEA FACTS

DDESS SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (HANSCOM, WEST POINT, DOVER)

DDESS Special Arrangement -- Hanscom Air Force Base, Massachusetts High School Students at Hanscom Air Force Base

BACKGROUND: The current authorizing statute for DDESS, Section 2164 of Title 10 United States Code allows the Secretary of Defense to enter into arrangements to provide for elementary and secondary education for dependents of members of the Armed Forces and civilian Federal employees who reside in permanent quarters on military installations in the United States.

Under 10 U.S.C. 2164 and DoD Instruction 1342.26, DDESS special arrangements are defined as an agreement, between the Secretary of Defense, or designee, and a local public agency whereby a school or a school system operated by the local public education agency provides educational services to eligible dependent children of U.S. military personnel and federally employed civilian personnel. Arrangements result in partial or total Federal funding to the local public education agency for the educational services provided.

DISCUSSION:

- Under legal authority of Public Law 81-874, DoDEA contracts with Lincoln Public Schools to provide Pre-K through 8 education services for the dependents of military personnel and DoD civilian employees residing on Hanscom Air Force Base.
- From the 1960s to mid-1990s the acquisition of elementary and middle school education services at Hanscom Air Force Base was assigned to the base and accomplished through local acquisition channels. Hanscom accomplished this task by entering into agreements with the Lincoln Public Schools with DDESS providing the funding to the Air Force. The DoD Inspector General reviewed this function and determined that the continued use of such agreements was improper and recommended the initiation of a contract between DDESS and a local source. The first contract between DDESS and Lincoln Public Schools was established in 1996.
- The contract currently includes education services for grades Pre-Kindergarten– 8 utilizing DoD owned facilities on the installation for the elementary and middle school.
- Current enrollment under this contract is approximately 583 eligible students who reside on Hanscom Air Force Base.
- Current contract is Base + 4 and expires at the end of School Year 2016/2017.

- Approximate cost: \$11.3 million annually. This cost covers educational services only.
- Students in grades 9-12 attend Bedford High School, off the installation. The Town of Bedford has been educating the high school students who reside on Hanscom Air Force Base since the 1950s when the Bedford schools were constructed with Federal funding (Federal School Construction Assistance Program of Public Law 81-815). To receive such funding, the school district provided assurance to the Federal government that the school facilities constructed would be available to those children for whom the funding was provided (military dependents). The Bedford School District receives Federal impact aid and DoD Supplemental impact aid for these students.
- DDESS contracts for the transportation of the high school students to and from Bedford High School. This transportation contract with Bedford Bus Company services approximately 135 students at a cost of approximately \$202 thousand, annually.

DDESS Special Arrangement -- West Point, New York High School Students at West Point, New York

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- DDESS currently operates an elementary and middle school on West Point Military Reservation which services the United States Military Academy. There is no high school currently operated on the reservation.
- Contractual arrangements began with Highland Falls near West Point, New York, in 1985, under the premise that the property of West Point Military Reservation is held under exclusive jurisdiction of the United States and the Local Education Agency is not entitled to impact aid for these students.
- DDESS pays (per student) for educational services in grades 9-12.
- Current enrollment under this contract is approximately 188 eligible students who reside on West Point.
- Current contract is Base + 1 and expires at the end of School Year 2013/2014.
- Approximate cost: \$4.3 million annually. This cost covers educational services and transportation for eligible high school students as well as the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) of the State of New York. (BOCES is part of the State of

New York educational system and services students whose needs cannot be met in the high school)

- DDESS continues to contract a Special Arrangement at West Point as the enrollment numbers do not adequately justify opening a high school on the installation.

DDESS Special Arrangement -- Dover, Delaware
Dover Air Force Base Schools

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- Contractual arrangements began with Dover Air Force Base schools in 1957 under the premise that it was a remote area.
- DDESS currently operates a Special Arrangement contract with Caesar Rodney School District to provide educational services for K-12 eligible dependents residing on Dover Air Force Base. The school district operates the base schools (1 elementary and 1 middle school), and educates high school students at the Caesar Rodney High School. Transportation for the high school students is provided by the school district as a part of the contract cost.
- DoDEA pays full costs for the base schools, and a percentage cost for the high school students.
- Current enrollment under this contract is approximately 500 eligible students who reside on Dover AFB.
- Current contract expires at the end of School Year 2012/2013 and solicitation for a new contract has just closed.
- DDESS continues to contract with Special Arrangements at Dover AFB because Delaware state law prohibits the use of state funds for educating students who reside in military housing (Del Code Title 14, Ch 15, Sec 1506, *summarized*).
- Approximate cost: \$7.5 million per year

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