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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPENDENTS EDUCATION COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Summary of the December 5, 2019 Dependents Education Council

On Dec 5, 2019, the Dependents Education Council (DEC) convened at the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Headquarters, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA. The event was hosted by the Honorable Mr. Jimmy Stewart, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Performing the Duties of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Mr. Thomas Brady, Director, DoDEA, served as Executive Secretary. A copy of the agenda and list of attendees is attached.

Opening Remarks:

Following roll call and introductions, Mr. Brady welcomed the Council and introduced Mr. Stewart to provide opening remarks.

Mr. Stewart praised DoDEA for recent accomplishments, to include leading the nation in the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) reading and math assessment scores for both 4th grade and 8th grade students. Mr. Stewart also stressed the importance of the protection of our students and providing a safe learning environment. He stated that "you recruit a service member but retain a family" and praised DoDEA schools for the support provided to service members thru quality educational programs.

After concluding his opening remarks, Mr. Brady stressed the importance of Mr. Stewart's support to DoDEA.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

Dr. Lisa Holloway, Chief of Standards and Curriculum, reviewed the NAEP results. Representing the Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, Mr Horace Larry stressed the importance of identifying the key factors to success as well as addressing difficulties. There was discussion around the lower 6th grade math scores. Dr. Holloway shared that 6th grade is a transitional year where standards are more rigorous as students move from elementary to middle school.

Mr. Brady said data driven school improvement plans have been created and DoDEA continues to push for improvement for all students. Mr. Stewart highlighted the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) within DoDEA schools and the impact it has on our long term national security.

Career Technical Education (CTE) Program.

Ms. Daphne Bonaparte, Instructional Systems Specialist, presented the CTE program. Mr. Stewart mentioned the "Job Challenge" program, getting troubled youth into a professional program and Mr. Larry mentioned the importance of making sure the parents are involved in the CTE process.

Advanced Academic Programs and Services (AAPS) for Middle Schools.

Dr. Laurie Abeel, Gifted Education Instructional Systems Specialist, presented the AAPS program. The AAPS program is a total school program, which includes meeting the needs of all students. It is a continuum of services and the middle school program which is in development, will use the same Levels of Service model as the elementary program as DoDEA moves forward.

Breakfast Program Update.

Mr. Gerald David, Chief of Logistics Division, provided an overview of the breakfast program and the benefits it provides to students and teachers. There is a push within DoDEA to expand the program to more schools. Mr. Stewart asked if there were any cost issues and Mr. David responded that the program isn't too expensive and the goal is to have it pay for itself. There was a request for a communication plan to educate and inform families about this program.

DoD Response to Address, Respond to and Prevent Problematic Sexual Behavior in Children and Youth (PSB-CY).

Ms. Tomeshia Barnes, Chief of Student Services, reviewed the screening tools and training modules available to address PSB-CY. Mr. Stewart emphasized that this isn't just a DoDEA issue and coordination with other agencies is important, especially when impacted students transfer to a new location. Mr. Stewart recommended that this issue needs to be addressed in CONUS locations first and then address the program overseas. Mr. Stewart also mentioned that Ms. Virginia Penrod, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, is leading discussions with Congressional leaders to address this issue and she is leading a Tiger Team consisting of agencies both within and outside of M&RA.

FY20 Budget.

Ms. Claudia Shaw, Chief of Resource Management Division, reviewed the five budget lines within DoDEA and the cost distribution within those lines. Mr. Stewart emphasized that manpower costs are normally the highest area of cost across DoD.

School Resource Officers (SRO).

Mr. Robert Brady, Associate Director, Financial and Business Operations, reviewed the definition and responsibilities of the SRO and explained that over 70% of active shooter incidents at public schools occur at the High School level. He said that a formal request is staffing within the OUSD P&R to address this issue. Mr. Stewart stressed the importance of the services practicing and exercising emergency response scenarios with DoDEA schools and he is requesting that the military services fund the employment of a trained SRO in DoDEA high schools.

Force Structure Change.

Mr. Michael Godfrey, Chief of Operations, Plans, Legislation and Policy provided an update on force structure changes that could impact DoDEA schools.

Guest Speaker, Ms Isabella Mollison.

Ms. Mollison, the winner of the 2019 Overseas Boys and Girls Club of America, provided highlights from her education as a military dependent. She attended several DoDEA schools throughout her K-12 experience and talked about the unique opportunities provided and she shared positive comments about the teachers and the education she received.

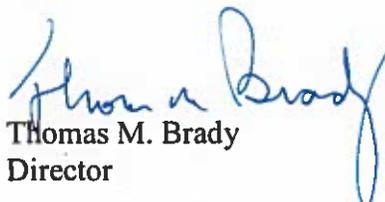
Closing comments.

Mr. Stewart thanked all participants for their feedback and stressed the importance of continuing dialog.

Comments from participants.

Participants thanked Mr. Stewart and Mr. Brady for the meeting and the topics selected.

The meeting was adjourned at 1300 hrs.



Thomas M. Brady
Director

Attachments
DEC Agenda
DEC List of Participants

AGENDA

Host: *Honorable Mr. James N. Stewart, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness*

Executive Secretary: *Mr. Thomas Brady, DoDEA Director* **Facilitator:** *Mr. Brian Brindley*

Welcome and Introduction	<i>Mr. Thomas Brady</i>
Host Opening Remarks	<i>Honorable Mr. Jimmy Stewart</i>
Executive Secretary Opening Remarks	<i>Mr. Thomas Brady</i>
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	<i>Dr. Lisa Holloway, Chief, Standards and Curriculum</i>
Career Technical Education (CTE) Program (Update)	<i>Ms. Daphne L. Bonaparte, Instructional Systems Specialist</i>
Advanced Academic Programs and Services (AAPS) for Middle Schools	<i>Dr. Laurie Abeel, Gifted Education Instructional Systems Specialist</i>
Breakfast Program Update	<i>Mr. Gerald David, Chief, Logistics Division</i>
DOD Response to Address, Respond to, and Prevent Problematic Sexual Behavior in Children & Youth (PSB-CY)	<i>Ms. Tomeshia Barnes, Chief, Student Services</i>

BREAK

FY20 Budget	<i>Ms. Claudia Shaw, Chief, Resource Management Division</i>
Congressional Proposals (Education Options)	<i>Ms. Kathleen Facon, Chief, Partnership and Resources</i>
School Resource Officers	<i>Mr. Robert Brady, Associate Director, Financial & Business Operations</i>
Force Structure Change (Update)	<i>Mr. Michael Godfrey, Chief, Operations, Plans, Legislation, & Policy</i>
Guest Speaker	<i>Ms. Isabella Mollison, Winner of the 2019 Overseas Boys & Girls Club of America</i>
Closing Remarks	<i>Council Members, Mr. Tom Brady, Honorable Mr. Jimmy Stewart</i>

List of Participants

Attendees	Representing
Dr. Abeel, Laurie	DoDEA, Gifted Education Program
Ms. Alston, Deborah	Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Mr. Armentrout, Charles	Commander, U.S. Air Forces Europe – Air Forces Africa
Mr. Baker, James	Chief, Naval Operations
Ms. Balocki, Marie	Commandant of the Marine Corps
Ms. Barnes, Tomeshia	DoDEA, Student Services
Dr. Beland, Russ	Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower & Reserve Affairs)
Ms. Bergmann, Mary	Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Mr. Bochna, Michael	Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Ms. Bonaparte, Daphne	DoDEA, Instructional Support Specialist
Mr. Brady, Robert	DoDEA, Financial & Business Operations
Mr. Brindley, Brian	DoDEA, Operations, Plans, Legislation & Policy
Mr. Brinkmann, Michael	Commander, U.S. European Command
Mr. Burcham, Jay	DoDEA, Chief of Staff
Mr. Butler, David	DoDEA, Education Projects Specialist
Ms. Cabrera, Paula	Commander, U. S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa
Ms. Cajina, Jacqueline	Commandant of the Marine Corps
Dr. Campbell, Robert	Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
Mr. Cannon, Ed	Department of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations
Ms. Carawan, Evonne	Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower & Reserve Affairs)
Ms. Castillo, Kimberly	Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower & Reserve Affairs)
Mr. Christensen, Don	Commander, U. S. Army Pacific
Mr. Cleveland, George	Department of the Army, Chief of Staff
Mr. Clymer, Charles	Department of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations
Mr. Cunningham, Oliver	Commander, U. S. Forces Korea
Ms. Daly-Rath, Elaine	Commander, Pacific Air Forces
Mr. Daniel, Ed	DoDEA, General Counsel
Mr. David, Gerald	DoDEA, Logistics
Ms. Facon, Kathleen	DoDEA, Partnership and Resources
Col Ferry, Todd	Marine Corps Installations Command
Ms. Fischer, Keri	Commander, Marine Corps Forces Pacific
Ms. Frye, Stefanie	Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower & Reserve Affairs)
Ms. Fulton, Julie	Commanding General, U. S. Marine Corps Installation Command
Ms. Ganote, Dianna	Department of the Air Force, Chief of Staff

Ms. Gass, Stephanie	Commander, U.S. Air Forces Europe
Ms. Geraghty, Meghan	Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
Mr. Goben, Tom	Commandant of the Marine Corps
Mr. Godfrey, Michael	DoDEA, Operations, Plans, Legislation, & Policy
Ms. Grice, Jean	DoDEA, Pacific Region DEC Subject Matter Expert
CAPT Hammer, Lyn	U.S. INDOPACOM
CAPT Harris, Shane	Commander, U.S. Africa Command
Lt Col Harrison, Carina	Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower & Reserve Affairs)
Mr. Hashimoto, Mark	Headquarters, Marine Corps Forces Pacific
Dr. Holloway, Lisa	DoDEA, Chief, Standards and Curriculum
Mr. Hovanic, Stephen	DoDEA, Americas Chief of Staff
Lt Col Hughes, Shannon	Commander, U.S. European Command
Ms. Jones, Jennifer	DoDEA, Personnel Security
Dr. Kelker, Charles	DoDEA, Europe Chief of Staff
Mr. Kline, Carroll	DoDEA, Teaching and Learning
Maj Gen Killough, Brian	Commander, Pacific Air Forces
Mr. Larry, Horace	Department of Air Force, Chief of Staff
MG McCaffrey, Todd	Commander, U.S. Africa Command
MG McKeithen, Timothy	Commander, U. S. Army Pacific
Ms. McLeod, Jasmine	DoDEA, Instructional Systems Specialist
Dr. McMullen, Dell	DoDEA, Europe Director of Student Excellence
Dr. Minor, Judith	DoDEA, Americas Director of Student Excellence
Ms. Mollison, Isabella	DEC Guest Speaker: Winner of the 2019 Overseas Boys & Girls Club of America
Ms. Montandon, Renee	Commander, U.S. Air Forces Europe
Mr. Mulvehill, Scott	Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa
Mr. Noel, Jeffrey	DoDEA, Education Research Accountability and Evaluation
Col Parrish, Christopher	Headquarters, Pacific Air Force
Mr. O'Gara, Frank	DoDEA, Communications and Public Affairs
Ms. Patrick, Judith	Department of the Army, Chief of Staff
Ms. Phillips, Mary	Department of the Air Force, Chief of Staff
Ms. Ploeger, Ruth	Commander, U. S. Army Europe
Ms. Rapp, Lois	DoDEA, Pacific Director of Student Excellence
COL Rasmussen, Matthew	Commander, U. S. Army Europe
COL Rice, Tina	Commander, U. S. Army Europe
Dr. Rimpola, Raquel	DoDEA, Assessment
Ms. Roadarmel, Helen	Headquarters, Department of the Army
Mr. Roose, Chris	DoDEA, Security Management Division
Ms. Sakai, Jennifer	Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Mr. Schlitz, Todd	DoDEA, Pacific Chief of Staff

Ms. Sealey, Juanita	DoDEA, Europe
Ms. Sexauer, Lisa	Commander, U. S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa
Ms. Shaw, Claudia	DoDEA, Chief, Resource Management Division
Ms. Simpson, Lynn	Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet
MG Smith, Tammy	Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs)
Mr. Tom, David	Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command
Ms. Traugott, Christine	Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs)
Maj Gen Williams, Stephen	Commander, U. S. Forces Korea
RADM Zirkle, Matthew	U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Africa