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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRE-DEPENDENTS EDUCATION COUNCIL WORKING
GROUP MEMBERS**

SUBJECT: Pre-Dependents Education Council Meeting Minutes, March 30, 2017

On March 30, 2017 the Pre-Dependents Education Council (DEC) Working Group convened via teleconference to review the Agenda for the June 1, 2017 DEC. The meeting was facilitated by Mr. Brian Brindley. DoDEA HQ's attendees included Mr. Jay Burcham, DoDEA Chief of Staff, Mr. Mike Godfrey, Chief, Operations Plans, Legislation and Policy, and Ms Kathy Facon, Director, Educational Partnership and NDSP (a complete list of participants is included as an attachment). Following Roll Call, the next order of business was a review of the June 2017 DEC items approved by the DoDEA Director. Mr. Brindley noted that several of these topics were presented at the December 2016 DEC and the June DEC will serve as an update of those presentations instead of a comprehensive brief. Following are the Working Groups comments on the subjects approved for June, and three new topics proposed by the European and Pacific Theaters:

Comprehensive Assessment System

In addition to providing information on student performance and assessments the group agreed to discuss the frequency of SATs in overseas schools. Participants from the European Theater highlighted a growing level of concern on the number of SAT exams offered to overseas locations. Due to a decrease in the number of exams offered, some students (and parents) are worried about synchronizing SAT results with this year's college entrance requirements. Mr. Burcham acknowledged the concern as a working issue the HQ's is pursuing and told the DEC participants he will keep them updated well before the DEC.

Overseas Education Screening

Overseas screening discussion will not be limited to requirements for Exceptional Family Members. Discussion will include other screening criteria impacting DoDEA families.

DoDEA Teacher Hiring Process Summit

Results of the Hiring Process Summit will be discussed.

Updates from the Dec 2016 DEC include the following:

- College and Career Ready Standards
- Restructuring for Student Achievement
- Legislative Actions
- Service Related Operational Changes
- MILCON
- Educational Partnership Grant Program

DoDEA Teacher Presentation

Mr. Shawn McCarthy from Sigonella Middle/High School will give a brief presentation on the highlights of his class trip to Washington DC and the US Supreme Court.

After reviewing the approved June 2017 Agenda, Mr. Brindley opened the teleconference for recommendations of additional topics. The following input was received:

European Schools Council Working Group

- Christine D'Amico, 52nd Fighter Wing Action Officer recommended the DEC include a discussion on lengthy hiring delays - the impact and the fix
- Ruth Ploeger, IMCOM Europe School Liaison Officer recommended the DEC include the impact of CONUS and OCONUS unification, specifically the impact on:
 - Universal Pre K
 - Enrollment Eligibility
 - Advisory Councils
 - Funding

Pacific Schools Council Working Group

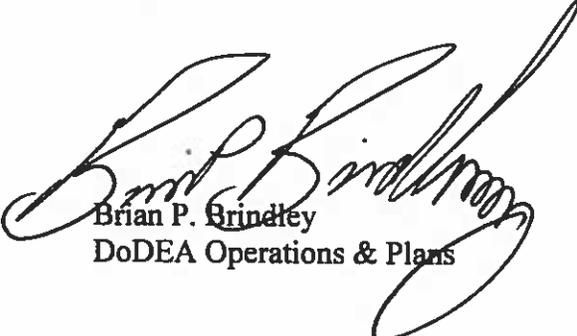
Colonel Hope Rampy and Mr. Don Christensen, United States Pacific Command School Support Specialist recommended the DEC include a discussion on Comprehensive Leadership Development.

Americas Schools Council Working Group

The Americas Working Group concurred with the approved agenda and had no additional recommendations.

Bringing the teleconference to an end, the DoDEA Chief of Staff thanked the participants for their input and ensured each recommended new topic would be shared with the Director, DoDEA for final approval. DEC participants were asked to continue updating the Membership List and anticipate additional requests for information regarding parking and other administrative details.

The meeting was adjourned.



Brian P. Brindley
DoDEA Operations & Plans

Attachment

Attachment: DEC Participant List

Christine Traugott, Department of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs
Stefanie Frye, Department of the Navy, Manpower and Reserve Affairs
David Fortson, Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Chuck Clymer, Office of the Chief, Naval Operations
Judi Patrick, U.S. Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management
Nannette Pigg, U.S. Army Installation Management Command
Patricia Sowell, Office of the Commandant of the Marine Corps
CAPT Shane Harris, Office of the Commander, U.S. Africa Command
Renee Montandon, U.S. Air Forces Europe
Paula Cabrera, Office of the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa
Karen Damm, U.S. European Command
David Tom, U.S. Pacific Command
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Linda Boswell, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Elaine Daly-Rath, Pacific Air Force
Major Stephen Christian, U.S. Southern Command
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