

**CONUS EDUCATION OPTIONS ASSESSMENT
ORAL CONSENT FORM
(For LEA superintendents)**

Hello, I am XXX and this is XXX. We are from RAND, a non-profit research organization based in Santa Monica, California. The Department of Defense has asked RAND to examine options for primary and secondary schooling of military dependents on each of the 15 continental United States (CONUS) installations where the Department of Defense currently operates Domestic Dependents Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) or contracts with local educational agencies (LEAs) to operate schools on the installation. As part of this effort, we are interviewing key education stakeholders at each of these installations, including local LEA superintendents. In this interview we'll ask questions about your district and how you might approach the responsibility of educating military dependents currently served by DDESS schools.

Your participation in this discussion is entirely voluntary. You can choose not to do the interview or skip any points you would rather not discuss. But we hope you'll take part, because it is important to us to hear your insights. Your responses will help the DoD make decisions about how to provide schooling for military dependents including at this installation.

In our findings, we will not associate comments with specific individuals. We may paraphrase things you said, but we will not indicate that they came from you. We may associate comments with this installation.

As a result, people with knowledge of this installation/area may be able to infer that you made particular comments. So, if there are specific remarks that you would like us to keep confidential, please let us know and we will be sure they stay off the record--we won't record them in our notes. Although of low risk, because of the purpose of the study, any comments you make could affect future employment, so please keep that in mind when deciding whether to participate and whether to answer each of our interview questions.

If you would like more information about this study, you may contact any of the RAND project leaders: Charles Goldman, Rita Karam, or John Winkler at (310) 393-0411. For information on your rights as a human subject of research, please contact: Jim Tebow at (310) 393-0411 x7173 or Jim_Tebow@rand.org

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DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

Before we begin, let me explain the discussion format. There are no right or wrong answers to any of these questions; we are simply interested in hearing different points of view.

Do you have any questions?

Do you agree to participate?

CLOSING: THANK YOU AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Thank you so much for taking the time to talk with us today.

As we review what we've learned from you, if it turns out that there are holes in our notes or points we don't understand, will it be okay if we follow up with you by phone for clarification?

If you have questions about our project, you should feel free to contact us. Again, thank you very much for your help with this important study.