

## **News Article Template for School Newspaper**

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will administer its annual Student and Parent Perceptions Surveys from [INSERT DATES]. The surveys will provide valuable feedback to DoDEA from its most important customers – students and parents - about the quality of education it provides and areas needing improvement.

The 2015 DoDEA Perception Surveys will be administered to students in grades 3-12 and parents of children enrolled in DoD schools from Pre-kindergarten/SureStart through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Participation is voluntary but maximum participation is encouraged in order to obtain reliable and valid data.

The surveys were developed through a review process of various groups, Area offices, superintendents, principals, Education Directorate staff members at the DoDEA headquarters, and external sources such as the University of California.

The surveys take approximately 20 minutes to complete and are available online at [www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu) (click on the Perceptions Surveys graphic link). Parents who do not have access to the Internet should contact their child's school to determine other alternatives – such as using the school's computers.

***(Insert a quote from Area Director, District Superintendent, or School Principal here about the importance of the survey and the importance of participation.)***

Information derived from the surveys will be used to improve planning efforts at all levels throughout DoDEA. Schools, districts, and areas will use the survey results to gain insight into the satisfaction levels of sponsors and students, which is one of many measures used for future planning of programs and services DoDEA offers. The survey results will also be used to monitor the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan (CSP), which contains the strategic direction for DoDEA. .

For more information on the surveys, please call our school office at **(insert phone number here)** or visit the DoDEA website at <http://www.dodea.edu/>.