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HEIDELBERG DISTRICT
UNIT 29237
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year and our wonderful schools in the DoDDS-Europe Heidelberg District! In partnership with you, our parents, the educators and support staff are ready to begin the important work of providing an exciting and challenging educational program for your sons and daughters.

As we live and work in the transforming environment of the US Forces in Europe, there are also changes in DoDDS-Europe. The Heidelberg District added the four schools in the Stuttgart Military Community but sadly closed four schools in the Hanau, Dexheim and Darmstadt Communities resulting in just under 8000 students in our district schools.

Our whole purpose is to support the military and civilian personnel assigned to the communities in our district by providing a safe, secure and robust educational program to school-age children. Your children's education is a high priority, quality of life program that is important to the accomplishment of the missions of the US Forces especially in these times of multiple deployments and up-tempo work schedules. We take this challenge very seriously but to ensure we are accomplishing our mission, we implore you to work with us by communicating your questions and suggestions with the teachers and administrators in our schools.

I encourage all parents and community members to support our students by visiting our schools and taking part in the multitude of opportunities and events the schools offer and modeling for our students the importance of their education. It is through a collective effort that we will continue to advance increased student achievement as outlined in our DoDEA Community Strategic Plan.

A quality education should provide challenging, interesting, and relevant *work* for all students. This is only possible when all of the greater school community communicates and contributes to enhance programs for our students for their continued success.

I am honored to join the Heidelberg District as Superintendent of Schools and look forward to a very successful school year for our students.


Frank E. Roehl
Superintendent