DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY

AND

FEDERAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Memorandum of Understanding

New Chinese Materials for Course Levels I-VI and AP

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) and the Federal Education Association (FEA), hereafter referred to as the "parties," hereby agree to the following concerning the roll out of the new Chinese Curriculum materials for course levels I-VI in accordance with the attached guidance.

a. Management-directed training associated with the new Chinese materials will be held during the duty day prior to implementation of materials in SY 11/12.

b. The method for providing training related to the Chinese materials will be a combination of face-to-face training and release time. The FEA will be provided appropriate information about the training and other issues related to the implementation of the new Chinese curriculum materials. (See Attachment- Information Paper.)

c. The parties agree to make every effort to resolve any disputes that arise at the organizational level where they arise prior to forwarding the matter to the next higher level.

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Information Paper

Educational Issue: New Chinese (Mandarin) Curriculum Materials for Courses I-VI & AP (includes existing middle school exploratory courses).

Background: Chinese is deemed a critical Department of Defense language and 21st Century foreign language. DoDEA's Chinese program began as a pilot in selected DoDEA schools in the fall of 2006. Provisional classroom materials were purchased for the pilot. Chinese has expanded over the past 4 years. DoDEA continues to support Chinese with funding for new curriculum materials.

1. Market research: completed by December 2009
2. Technical review: conducted March-April 2010.
3. New materials approved by procurement for purchase: July 1, 2010.

Current Status: the Education Directorate Business Liaison Office, the Humanities Branch, and the Procurement Office are coordinating to place orders for shipment of student and teacher materials to schools. Shipments are expected to arrive on a gradual basis in SY '10-'11. Chinese teachers may begin using the new materials as soon as they arrive but are not expected to implement these new materials in their classrooms until SY '11-'12.

Discussion:

1. New materials ship to schools: targeted for fall of 2010
2. Two Day Face-to-Face Training: targeted for fall/winter of 2010/2011:
    a. Americas & Europe: November 15-16, 2010 at the Area Service Center in PTC, GA, to include the contracted Chinese consultant, the (1) DoDEA HQ FL Coordinator, the (1) Area FL ISS for Europe, the (1) Area FL ISS for the Americas, and (4) Chinese teachers from the Europe and Americas locations.
    b. Pacific: January 19, 20, 2011, at the Area Service Center in Torrie Station, Okinawa, to include the contracted Chinese consultant, the (1) Area FL ISS for the Pacific, and (14) Chinese teachers located in the Pacific Area.
3. Follow up familiarization in winter/spring 2011: Chinese teachers will be given a half-day release time (half PD day) to work with on line training modules and continue their familiarization with the new textbooks/curriculum in their own classroom.
4. Implementation of New Textbooks/Curriculum: SY 11-12

Recommendation: MOU needed in September 2010 for New Chinese Curriculum Materials

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