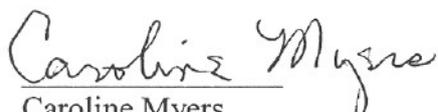


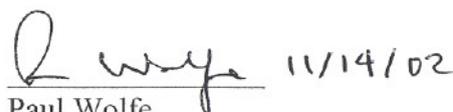
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY
AND
FEDERAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
STATESIDE REGION

Implementation of the Developmental Reading Assessment
for Kindergarten – Second Grade in DDESS Districts

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) and the Federal Education Association – Stateside Region (FEA-SR) hereby agree to the following if the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) for Kindergarten, First, and/or Second Grade is implemented in any District in the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS):

1. Classroom teachers who will be responsible for administration of the DRA will receive one full day of training, to include practice with the assessment, prior to the implementation of the DRA. In addition, follow-on sessions to evaluate the DRA implementation and to address questions and concerns will be held locally, as needed.
2. During the initial school year of implementation, first and second grade classroom teachers administering the DRA will be provided substitute time of up to two days based on class enrollment for the Fall administration and up to one day for the Spring administration. For Kindergarten teachers who will normally only administer the DRA during the Spring and for those first and second grade teachers who will only be administering the DRA in the Spring during the first school year of implementation, up to two days based on class enrollment may be provided for the Spring administration. If additional time is necessary during the initial school year of implementation, it will be determined locally. The amount of time in subsequent school years will be determined locally.
3. Each classroom teacher administering the DRA will receive a DRA kit. Each district will also receive a training video.
4. Sufficient copies of materials will be provided to classroom teachers administering the DRA.
5. If adopted at a school or district, the DRA will replace any other forms of school or district wide oral reading assessments, to include running records, for those students who are administered the DRA.


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