

## ADVISORY GROUPS

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DEPENDENTS' EDUCATION (ACDE)**

The ACDE advises the Secretary of Defense and the DoDEA Director on maintaining a quality educational system. Members of the ACDE are jointly appointed by the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Education, and include school administrators; members of educational associations, institutions, or agencies; members of professional employee organizations or unions; representatives from the military commands; parents; and a DoDDS student.

### **DEPENDENTS EDUCATION COUNCIL (DEC)**

Through the DEC, a consultative relationship is promoted between the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; the Director of DoD Education Activity (DoDEA); and the commanders of the unified combatant commands, the major service commands, and the Military Services.

### **AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL (AAC)**

The AAC advises the area deputy director on matters of concern to a majority of the advisory committee. These matters may include issues elevated from District Advisory Councils or School Advisory Committees (see below).

### **DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC)**

The DAC advises the district superintendent on matters of concern to a majority of the advisory committee. These matters may include issues elevated from School Advisory Committees (see below).

### **SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC)**

The SAC is composed of an equal number of locally elected parents and full-time professional school employees; a senior high school student enrolled in the school may also be a voting member. Each committee advises its school principal on all local school-related matters, including curriculum and instruction, budget, policies, and support functions.