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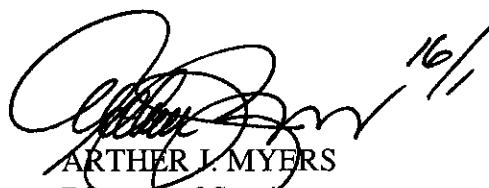
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SUBJECT: Nationwide Expansion of Spouses to Teachers Program

Spouses to Teachers was initiated in September 2004 as a pilot in six states with large military populations and a need for public school teachers. The pilot was soon expanded to include eight additional states and now, due to positive response, Spouses to Teachers is expanding to all 50 states. As mentioned in the attached DUSD memo, the program is already available in the Pacific and Europe so this expansion makes it truly a world-wide opportunity.

Interested spouses can find details of the program on the Spouses to Teachers web site: www.SpousestoTeacher.com, from the state Spouses to Teachers offices, or from local Airman and Family Readiness Center staff. The program is open to spouses of active duty, spouses of members of the selected reserve and National Guard, and spouses of members of the Individual Ready Reserve recalled to active duty.

It is important the Air Force support this initiative to provide a path toward a professional, transportable career to the spouses of our mobile military population. Your advocacy and that of your installation Airman and Family Readiness Centers can make Spouses to Teachers a viable career option for military spouses. My point of contact for this program is Lorraine Neuser, HQ AF/A1SP, at lorraine.neuser@pentagon.af.mil.


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Attachment:
DUSD MC&FP Announcement Letter

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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
(PERSONNEL OVERSIGHT)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
(MILITARY PERSONNEL POLICY)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(FORCE MANAGEMENT INTEGRATION)

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I am pleased to announce that the Spouses to Teachers program is being expanded to all 50 United States effective immediately. Spouses to Teachers already operates in the European and Pacific theaters making this a truly worldwide program. The program is a Department of Defense initiative focusing on military spouses interested in a career in public education. Eligible participants include spouses of Active Duty, Selective Reserve National Guard, and Individual Ready Reserve recalled to active duty.

Military spouses who wish to participate in Spouses to Teachers will receive counseling on state teacher certification requirements, routes to certification, and employment outlook. Along with counseling, spouses will be informed of financial aid resources, scholarship availability, starting or completing a degree, and state certification reciprocity agreements. Spouses seeking teacher certification will be eligible to receive reimbursement up to \$600 for teacher certification examinations.

I appreciate your support of this military spouse employment initiative and encourage you to promote this program to all who are eligible. In an era of growing critical teacher shortages nationwide, Spouses to Teachers can help make a difference. The point of contact for this issue is Ms. Pamela Smith, Office of Educational Opportunities. She can be reached by telephone at (703) 602-4949 ext. 119 or by email at Pamela.Smith@osd.mil.

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