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Fort Polk and Vernon Parish School System Signing Ceremony

FORT POLK, LA – There will be a Memorandum of Agreement signing ceremony between Fort Polk and the Vernon Parish School System on Tuesday, April 15th at 11 a.m. at the Leesville High School Library.

Brigadier General Jason K. Kamiya, Commanding General, Joint Readiness Training Center and Fort Polk, and Dr. Cindy Gillespie, Superintendent, Vernon Parish School System, will sign the agreement committing the Vernon Parish School Board to make agreed upon changes official by including them in the Vernon Parish School Board Policy Manual.

The agreement signifies a "working" partnership in education between Fort Polk and the Vernon Parish School System in addressing many of the special challenges confronting transitioning students, many of whom are military, who are often asked to attend multiple schools in the course of their formal education.

The signing ceremony will be followed by lunch at the Leesville High School Cafeteria.

This invitation-only event will be attended by Vernon Parish School Board members, Garrison Commander Colonel Mark Rocke, School Liaison Representatives, and School Liaison Officer, Don Robinson.

For more information contact Mr. Don Robinson at 531-9481

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media representatives are welcomed to cover the event. Please contact Maj. Ron Elliott @ 531-1418 if you plan on attending.