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July 1, 2005

The Honorable Anthony Principi, Chairman
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
Polk Building, Suite 600
2521 South Clark Street
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Dear Mr. Principi:

This is a letter in support of the United States Army Institute of Environmental Medicine for the outstanding job they have done with partnering with our school, David Mindess Elementary School, in Ashland, MA for the past eight years. Their contribution to our school community represents eight years of continuing programmatic support to fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

Through these past eight years the students have gained a greater understanding of just what scientists' do and how the U.S. Army contributes to science and medicine. Some children have a narrow perception of what a soldier does and they are now able to see that there is more to being a soldier than fighting a war.

The first project the fourth graders were involved in was the backpack study and they learned how carrying too much weight is detrimental to your health. The next activity dealt with finding the proper boot for infantry soldiers. The next year the children experimented with body size and physical performance, and then the soldier-scientists came to the school to present the Scientific Method to all the children. Last year we did a nutrition study using daily logs to keep what the children ate and then entering the data into a computer program to calculate fats and body types. This year we again did the backpack study and had the soldier-scientists give a presentation to the fourth and fifth graders on equipment that soldiers need to survive in the heat of Iraq and Afghanistan and the cold of the North Pole!

Besides making presentations and visiting the school three or four times a year, the soldier-scientists also visit the school to read to students during National Education Week. The students have also had a chance to visit and tour the USARIEM facilities in

Natick, MA at the end of each year for eight years. After September 11th, security became very tight in all the military installations around the country. Although it took a great deal of planning and support on the part of USARIEM, the students were able to tour the facility because it was considered an integral part of the learning process.

USARIEM has made a commitment to the David Mindess School to be our partner and they continue to honor that commitment regardless of the obstacles. I think that it needs to be strongly suggested that this is more than an "army installation" in the Metrowest area. They are also a respected and dedicated member of the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arlene J. Argir". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Arlene J. Argir, Principal
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Sincerely,

William J. McGinley
Executive Director

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Sincerely yours,

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John Strickland
Director, Corporate Administrative Services

cc: MetroWest Chamber of Commerce/Natick Soldier Systems Center Business Alliance
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Very truly yours,

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Robert F. Nesbit

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Verizon is one of the state's largest private sector investors, with \$11 billion in network infrastructure in Massachusetts. Over the past two years, we have spent more than \$200 million in Massachusetts to begin bringing fiber optic connections directly to homes and small businesses in the state. Many of the communities in our initial deployment of this technology surround Hanscom and Natick.

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Verizon's continued investments – particularly our deployment of fiber-based services – clearly support the core missions of Natick and Hanscom. With secure, high-capacity broadband connections, vendors, employees and other supporting partners can help retain and grow the technological advantage created for the US military through the command and control technologies developed at Hanscom and the soldier systems advancements from Natick Labs.

By recommending the addition of more than 1,100 new direct jobs to Hanscom and retaining the core technology mission at Natick, the Pentagon has made a tremendous commitment to Massachusetts and its technological capabilities. Verizon recognizes that commitment and will do its part with the network investments needed for these facilities continue their critical work and grow for the future.

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Arthur B. Fair, III
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