
NEW YORK STATE INTERSTATE COMPACT – MILITARY CHILDREN

June 30, 2020

To: MIC-3 Leadership

From: Dr. Debra Jackson, NYS Commissioner

Re: Summary Report on the New York State Interstate Council for Military Children as required by MIC-3 Policy

Policy: By June 30 of each year, member States shall submit the following information regarding their State Council to the national office:

- a) contact information
- b) roster of active members*
- c) meeting schedule⁺
- d) key activities

Contact Information

- a. The primary contact for the New York State Council is Dr. Debra Jackson, Compact Commissioner djackson2@me.com
- b. The secondary contact is Mr. Stephen Todd, District Superintendent: Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) stodd@boces.com 20104 State Route 3, Watertown New York 13601.
- c. The NYS Interstate Council has an active roster of members as named below.* Representation includes: the New York State Education Department, New York State Higher Education Institutions, School District Leaders, Office of Veterans Affairs, New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Military Installations, School Liaison Officers, the State Legislature and the Governor's Office.

Meeting Schedule:

- a. The NYS Council met for the school year 2019/2020 on October 2, 2019 in Albany, New York at the New York State Museum (Huxley Auditorium) and on April 1, 2020 via Zoom, due to the COVID requirements not permitting gatherings in NYS. The meetings are open to the public in compliance with open meeting law. Agendas and Minutes are posted on the MIC-3 website.
- b. A calendar for future New York State Interstate Compact Meetings has been established through 2023⁺.

Notable Activities:

- a. The Q&A for Interstate Compact on the New York State Education Department webpage continues to be updated and is recognized as a living document. The most recent update was April 2020 with updates to the Q&A and Interstate Compact Education documents, including the updated immunization regulations.
- b. Nominations have been made to the Governor's Office of Appointments to fill the current open voting positions.
 - 1) A representative from a military installation appointed by the Governor,
 - 2) A representative of military families appointed by the Governor,
 - 3) A representative appointed by the governor,
- c. Student placement/graduation requirements/enrollment matters continue to be resolved on a case-by-case examination. Resolutions are reviewed at the meetings as an after-action conversation. Between meetings frequent emails and phone conversations are facilitated to help with student transitions as they enter and exit New York State public schools.
- d. Coast Guard installations in Niagara Falls and Staten Island were added to the outreach list for supporting military families.
- e. Debra Jackson and Mary Beth Casey presented at the September 2019 NYS Council of Superintendents (NYSCOSS) Meeting in Saratoga Springs to continue promoting the communication efforts state-wide. NYSCOSS represents over 800 members and is the primary membership organization in New York State for superintendents.
- f. A draft code of conduct (statement of ethics) is in process with a 10-12-point aspirational statement for our council.
- g. All voting members appointed to the council are updated in JCOPE as New York State policymakers and have completed the financial disclosure requirements. The required ethics training for each appointment is current to date.

Future scheduled meeting dates⁺:

October 14, 2020

April 7, 2021

October 13, 2021

April 6, 2022

October 12, 2022

March 29, 2023

October 11, 2023

Roster of Members*

CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICER

Shannon Tahoe, Acting Commissioner of Education, New York State Education Department

MILITARY FAMILY EDUCATION LIAISON

Michi Carl, School Liaison Officer, West Point, United States Army

Wendy O'Sullivan, School Liaison Officer, Fort Drum, United States Army

MILITARY/DOD REPRESENTATIVE

COL Michael Yankovich, Vice Dean for Operations, USMA, West Point, United States Army

NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Debra Jackson*, Interstate Compact Commissioner

STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Lisa Beatha*, University Director of Veteran Affairs, City University of New York

Michi Carl, School Liaison Officer, West Point, United States Army

Marybeth Casey*, Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Curriculum and Instruction and Early Learning, New York State Education Department

Robert Conway*, Designated Representative of the Adjutant General

Sonia Draught, Director, Plans, Analysis, and Integration Fort Drum, United States Army

Troy Decker, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Indian River CSD, NY

Heather Evangelista, West Point, NY

Joel Evans, Executive Deputy Director Division of Veterans Services, Albany, NY

Kristen Suatoni Jadin, Assistant Director, New York State Public High School Athletic Association

James McDonough*, Director, New York State Division of Veterans' Services

Melissa Montaque, New York State Education Department; Graduation and Program Requirements, Albany, NY

Wendy O'Sullivan, School Liaison Officer, Fort Drum, United States Army

Melissa Pandolf*, Veterans Service Officer, Patchogue, New York

Diana Pasterchick, Coordinator of Veterans and Military Affairs, State University of New York Albany

Matt Rogers, Fort Drum, United States Army

Dr. Frank Sheboy*, Superintendent, Highland Falls- Fort Montgomery Central School District

Lisa Sheehan, School Liaison Officer, Fort Hamilton, United States Army

Major General Raymond F. Shields, Jr., Adjutant General of New York

Stephen J. Todd*, District Superintendent, Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services

COL Michael Yankovich, Vice Dean for Operations, USMA, West Point, United States Army

Dr. Robert Zayas, Executive Director, New York State Public Schools Athletic Association