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COMMISSION CONVENES THEIR ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING TO DISCUSS MILITARY CHILDREN'S COMPACT

Providence, RI. — From October 25-27, 2017, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) will convene at the Providence Renaissance Hotel for their Annual Business Meeting. Each year, the Meeting provides a forum for State Commissioners to share experiences, showcase best practices, and have policy discussions on an array of topics.

In welcoming the Commission to Rhode Island, Governor Gina M. Raimondo said, "The children of military families in Rhode Island and across our nation face unique educational challenges. I'm proud of the incredible work MIC3 is doing to establish consistent policies that address the needs of transitioning students, and am honored that their 2017 Annual Business Meeting is taking place in Rhode Island."

Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education Ken Wagner welcomed the Commission - comprised of the 50 states and the District of Columbia - to the "Ocean State."

"Rhode Island is home to a rich military history, and supporting our military families has long been a priority and a source of pride in our state's public education system and beyond," said Commissioner Wagner, "I'm proud to welcome the Commission to Rhode Island, and to be part of an important conversation about how we can best serve students of military families and provide them a seamless, supportive, and welcoming transition into new school communities."

Rhode Island's Compact Commissioner and Commission Chairwoman, Rosemarie Kraeger, also the District Superintendent of Middletown Public Schools, emphasized the importance of easing the transitions and ***ensuring success for every student***.

"The Compact levels the 'playing field' so military students are afforded the same educational opportunities as their civilian counterparts", she said, "it allows us to be more flexible in working with military students as they adapt to their new schools."

The meeting was well attended with over 80 attendees including: Ex-officio organizations, state and district school personnel, as well as military school liaison officers from various branches of service.

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The Compact allows for uniform treatment of military children as they transfer between states in the areas of: Enrollment, Placement and Attendance, Eligibility, and Graduation. It was developed by the Council of State Governments' National Center for Interstate Compacts, the U.S. Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, state departments of education, school administrators and military families.

For more information about MIC3, visit: www.mic3.net.



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