

(Date)

Dear (School District Superintendents):

Military families help sustain our fighting force, on whom we depend on for the security and safety of our nation. April is designated as the *Month of the Military Child* or “Purple Up! For Military Kids”, and across the nation, states and school districts will celebrate the important role of military children while their service member parents serve our country through special events and wearing the color purple.

(State) is a member of the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3) – that includes the 50 states, District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools – which addresses the key educational transition issues encountered by military students as the move throughout the world.

As educators, we are committed to children and providing a high quality education for all students in our public schools. I ask for your support in April for “Purple Up! For Military Kids” by:

1. coordinating a district-wide month or day and promotion through your communication channels (website, newsletters, media), stakeholders, and partners
2. drafting a letter/memorandum to your schools encouraging them consider sponsoring an activity
3. attend a district or school event celebrating “Purple Up! For Military Kids”

Lastly, (Commissioner name), (state name)’s Compact Commissioner, oversees the military compact administration in our state and ensures compliance under the rules and regulations. Please inform them of any district or school level promotion. For more information on the compact, please contact (him/her) directly at (phone and email info), or visit www.mic3.net.

Please join me in thanking our military children for their strength and sacrifice by supporting “Purple Up! For Military Kids” this month – they deserve our support!

Sincerely yours,

(State Superintendent or Commissioner of Education)

Did you Know?

According to the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) Active Duty Family Report - As of December 2018, there are 519,348 school age children (5-18) in the U.S.

According to the DMDC Guard/Reserve Family Report - As of December 2018, there are 415,877 school age children (5-18) in the U.S.