



(Date)

Dear (State Council Member):

Military families help sustain our fighting force, on whom we depend for the security and safety of our nation's families and communities. In April, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) – along with many other organizations, non-profits, and public entities – will celebrate the important role of military children while their service member parents are serving the nation. Across the nation, states, communities, and schools celebrate this month in various ways, including wearing the color **purple**. This year, the Commission has selected **Wednesday, April 24th** as our official **"Purple Up! For Military Kids"** day.

As a member of (state name)'s State Council, supporting military children in public schools throughout our state, we oversee the military compact administration and ensure compliance under the rules and regulations. I ask for your support in April for **"Purple Up! For Military Kids"** by:

1. coordinating a month or day within your respective organizations
2. promoting support through your communication channels (website, newsletters, media), State Council, stakeholders, and partners
3. coordinating and/or supporting a gubernatorial proclamation designating *April as the Month of the Military Child*
4. attending a school district or school level event

Should you have any questions on the Compact, please contact me at (phone and email info), or visit www.mic3.net.

(State name) is committed to children and providing a high quality education for all students in our public schools. 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 Commissioner name)

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.