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Governor Christopher Sununu
State House
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Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Sununu:

On behalf of the New Hampshire Commission for the Military Compact (Title VIII) Council, I respectfully submit the 2018 annual report for your review.

The MIC3 State Council met in the fall of 2018. The council received updates from the school liaison for military families stationed at the Navy Shipyard at Pease. In addition, there was a great deal of discussion in terms of the gaps of service provided to families including children whose parent is called for active duty. This year a student, Aiden Drake, whose parent is on active duty shared his experiences regarding the difficulties when transitioning from school to school. He emphasized the importance of a peer mentor to assist students while engaging in school life. Aiden also spoke of the stress and anxiety that often result during their parent's deployment and transitions.

This year we also heard from CSM Robert Radcliffe and LTC Mark Bianchi on the advantages of the high school aptitude test and the benefits of this assessment.

This year the Council has seen greater visibility via a web page on the Department of Education website. Along with having more visibility and information available to the public including public school personnel and organizations, the "Every Student Succeeds Act" requires a military identifier as part of the data collected from school districts. The council continues to work with the Department of Education to ensure this data is collected and represents an accurate number of students whose family member is on active duty. Currently the state of New Hampshire has approximately 700 children whose parent or guardian is active duty military. The identifier will be very helpful in ensuring the needs of the students are being met as they transition into new school settings and the school districts receive any available support programs and funding designated to those districts.

As the Commissioner for the MIC3, I have represented New Hampshire at the annual national conference meetings in Cleveland Ohio, with other Commissioners from all of the states as well as various organizations who support the work of the compact. I have worked with the NHDOE to develop a technical assistance brief for school administrators as well as responding to any concerns a family member or military representative may have as a student transitions into educational settings in NH.

In NH I am pleased to report that the issues that may arise in transition such as records, documentation availability, credit conversions and athletic eligibility are readily addressed and suitable outcomes have been resolved to address any concerns by students and their families.



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Enclosed is a list of the members of the Council as well as the support personnel. We are quite fortunate to have a number of professionals and volunteers committed to supporting our students of active military personnel.

In closing, the Council would like to share several areas that will need solutions and will be goals for the Council in the coming year.

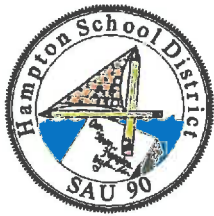
- How do we all work to meet the needs of our active military. The state, as the Council has come to realize, has several groups working to address the needs of military families (NHDOE and NHDHHS). In some ways the efforts appear to be redundant and a lack of awareness of the mission of each group. We need to continue to bridge each of the organizations to avoid redundancy.
- How does the Council stay abreast of members National Guard who are called to active duty. This is a concern of the Council in order to address any potential needs that may arise for a family.
- Reach out and engage the US Coast Guard as well as the National Guard to participate in the NH MIC3 Council.
- Collaborate with the Maine MIC3 Council to share ideas on how to best serve military families.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our students who face the challenges of transitions during their parent's deployment as well as returning from active duty.

Respectfully,

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Two vacancies currently exist;
NH School Counselors Association
Governor's Office Representative