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

Cleveland, Ohio. The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) will convene at the Westin hotel on Oct. 17, in Cleveland for their Annual Business Meeting. Each year, the meeting provides a forum for State Commissioners from fifty states and the District of Columbia to discuss policy, share experiences, and showcase best practices.

"It is nearly impossible for the average person to fully understand all that the members of our armed forces and their families have experienced during their military service," said Gov. John R. Kasich. "Everyone can be grateful for the freedom their service guaranteed for us," he went on to say, and "I applaud the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission for your commitment to assisting military families as they face the challenges of ensuring that their children have access to a quality education."

MIC3 Commission Chairwoman, Rosemarie Kraeger (RI), emphasized the importance of easing the transitions. *"The Compact ensures military students are afforded the same educational opportunities as their civilian counterparts, it was never intended to provide military students with an advantage as they transition between states." Kraeger added, "it provides schools with more flexibility to help transitioning military students adapt to their new schools."*

The meeting has over 90 attendees including: ex-officio organizations, representatives from the U.S. Department of Defense, state and district school personnel, as well as military school liaison officers from various branches of service.

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.

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