

# North Dakota Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)

Wednesday, May 29, 2019 | 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM | 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, State Capitol

## Attendance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supt. Kirsten Baesler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Vollmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mg. Alan Dohrmann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mg. Jay Sheldon
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Karen Karls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Upgren
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angenene Robertson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Davina Freny		

## Welcome

- Superintendent Kirsten Baesler welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded all participants the meeting is subject to open records laws. Participants introduced themselves.

## Approval of Agenda

- Superintendent Kirsten Baesler went over the agenda and all changes that were made.
- The meeting agenda was approved unanimously at 9:05 AM.

## Overview of Statutes

- Superintendent Kirsten Baesler went over what is required federally by the North Dakota MIC3, as well as state statute.
  - There is a lot of replication from the federal statute into the state requirements.
- Purpose and definition of the commission were covered.
- Statute requires the MIC3 meets at least once per year, but additional meetings may be called to settle disputes.
  - Historically, this has never happened in North Dakota.

## Committee Members and Voting Rights of Members

- Superintendent Kirsten Baesler went over the committee members outlined in statute.
  - Kirsten Baesler, Chairperson
  - Mg. Alan Dohrmann, Governor's Appointee
  - Mark Vollmer, Minot Public Schools Superintendent and Governor's Appointee
  - Rep. Karen Karls, Governor's Appointee
  - Davina French, Non-voting Appointee and Compact Commissioner
  - Open Position formerly held by Col. Angenene Robertson, Governor's Appointee
  - Jim Upgren,
- Currently, the committee has an open position.
- Conversations have been initiated with the governor to look at changing these requirements in Century Code next legislative session. Jim will work with the governor's office and Davina to get reappointment for this position.

- Historically, the committee has had much better input from command chiefs and their spouses rather than commanders, who move bases frequently.
- Superintendent Kirsten Baesler recommended this committee meet once annually, and mobilize effectively from office with MIC3 liaison, Jim Upgren.
  - Rep. Karen Karls moved to approve this recommendation.
  - Mark Vollmer seconded the motion.
  - Unanimously approved at 9:20 AM.

**Re-Focus on the Purpose of MIC3**

- Mark Vollmer works with many military families in Minot. He noted having a school military liaison on staff has been key.
- MIC3 should focus on how to reach National Guard families in small, rural schools. This has been harder than reaching Air Force families in the past.
- It would be helpful to have a common place for parents to log their connection to the military, possibly PowerSchool?
  - Currently, PowerSchool and STARS checks Title 10 (active duty) via ESSA requirements, but not Title 32 (Reserves and State, if not deployed). Notification is received via these systems when families are put on active duty again.
  - A change could possibly be made to for these systems to look at Title 32 data, but it would need to be built.
  - This would also take some education and coaching for smaller school districts.

**Articles of Enforcement and Background Information on MIC3 – Davina French**

- As of 2014, all states and territories are enrolled in the MIC3 program.
- The National MIC3 developed a new website, mission, and core values. Each state belongs to a specific committee.
  - North Dakota belongs in the training committee.

**Issues Covered**

- Enrollment
- Placement
- Attendance
- Graduation
- Kindergarten – 1<sup>st</sup> grade entrance
  - Under Compact, some children can enroll if they do not meet age requirement but are enrolled in another state).
- Semester test exemptions for military reasons
  - Currently, military send off and return home are the only test exemptions that are offered. Other absences are considered “excused,” but the student would have to take semester tests.

**Next Steps**

- Superintendent Kirsten Baesler noted that while North Dakota has been doing a great job working with military families, we need to maintain a continuous improvement mindset to make sure we are well prepared in the event of a large mobilization.
- This committee will plan to meet once per year, with conference calls as needed.

**Next Meeting**

- Our next meeting will take place in December 2019.

**Meeting Convened at 10:50 AM**