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SUBJECT: Fact Sheet on Military Representatives to State Councils and Military Family Education Liaisons for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (the Compact)

Military Representatives

- According to Article VIII of the Compact, member states implementing the Compact are required to create a State Council with a prescribed membership.
 - Includes a position designated as a “representative from a military installation” who will act as liaison for DoD to this Council.
 - This person represents DoD at the State Councils; therefore, they must be designated by DoD, not the State.
- DoD has been working with Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3) staff to coordinate selection and designation of military representatives so they fulfill their role within restrictions placed on DoD personnel and military members by the Government-wide ethics rules and DoD 5507.7-R, Joint Ethics Regulation (JER)
 - The appropriate person to fill this position is a military member or DoD civilian employee who has at least an indirect interface with or knowledge of the State or local education system as part of his or her official duties or has oversight responsibility over those who do.
 - The MIC3 Commissioner for each state requests the appointment of military representatives through DoD
 - Requests should be sent to william.e.hampton.civ@mail.mil
 - In absence of the Commissioner, requests can come from State Council
 - If the Commissioner and/or State Council have a person in mind, they must submit that name for approval to DoD.
 - If a military position becomes vacant, the Commissioner or State Council needs to notify DoD.
 - When a military representative is appointed, DoD will notify the State Commissioner/Council for appropriate administrative updates
- DoD plans to fill all the military representative positions and develop a process in which replacements are ideally named/placed before the incumbent departs
 - These positions must be filled immediately and maintained so these designees can help advise states on either beginning their implementation of the Compact or their continued vigorous involvement in its oversight

Military Family Education Liaisons (MFEL)

- Article VIII of the Compact also requires a MFEL be appointed by the State Council to assist families and the State in implementing the Compact, and to serve as a principal point of contact in the education system. Some State Councils have attempted to appoint DoD personnel, such as School Liaisons (SLs), to fulfill this role.

However, since MFELs act as representatives of the State, the JER prohibits DoD personnel from fulfilling this role.

- It must be clear to SLs, and all other DoD personnel involved with the implementation of the Compact, that they cannot accept an appointment to be an MFEL.
- One key responsibility of the MFEL is to educate the local education agencies on the provisions of the Compact.
 - DoD foresees MFELs and military SLs working closely together to collaborate on opportunities to educate school administrators, school staff and military parents on the Compact.
 - To do this, we anticipate SLs will take every opportunity to work with the State MFEL in implementing the Compact.

DoD believes that the more we implement the Compact in partnership with member states and MIC3, the better the results will be for our military families. For further information of this issues and the implementation of the Compact, please contact Mr. Bill Hampton, Defense State Liaison Office, at william.e.hampton.civ@mail.mil or at 571-372-5335.