MEMORANDUM

TO: Cherise Imai, Executive Director

Interstate Compact Commission Central Office

FROM: Laura Anastasio, Commissioner’s Designee

State of Connecticut

DATE: June 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Connecticut State Council for Military Children

In compliance with the policy of the Interstate Compact Commission, I am writing to report the activities of the Connecticut State Council for Military Children for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Membership of the Connecticut State Council

The current members of the Council are:

* Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Acting Commissioner of Education
* Laura Anastasio, Commissioner’s Designee
* The Honorable Holly Cheeseman, Representative 37th Assembly District
* Valerie Nelson, Groton Public Schools
* Jason S. Hartling, Ledyard Public Schools
* Kristea Francolino, New London Public Schools
* Bob Ross, Executive Director, Office of Military Affairs
* Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Groton Board of Education
* Hamlet Hernandez, Superintendent, Branford Public Schools
* Captain Todd Moore, Department of Defense Liaison (nonvoting)
* Miranda Chapman, Military Family Liaison, NLON Submarine Base (nonvoting)
* Louis Tallarita, Connecticut State Liaison (nonvoting)

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Connecticut State Council (Council) met remotely in a joint meeting with the Military School Liaison Committee (MSLC) on December 3, 2020. The Council was updated on the MIC3 National Guard Task Force’s findings and recommendations and the implications for Connecticut. In addition, the Council was provided information on the Student Success Video Program and discussed how to promote this initiative. The group also discussed the expansion of tutor.com due to the pandemic. It also discussed the alternative ways to host the School Options Fair for military families in southeastern Connecticut because of the pandemic, including other upcoming military-related programs and initiatives. The group also discussed possible options for the provision of influenza vaccines for military dependent children. The Council’s second joint meeting with the MSLC of this fiscal year was held remotely on April 29, 2021. The group discussed the NGTF matter, MIC3 Success Stories and proposed legislation related to advanced enrollment and a purple star program.

The Commissioner’s Designee conducted an online training session for Groton Public School administrators and personnel on the Compact and MIC3 in December of 2020.

The Commissioner’s Designee and the School Liaison Officer at NLON assisted a coast guard family that was having difficulty enrolling their child who was previously enrolled in a foreign country. Although the Compact did not technically apply to this situation, the school district and the family were able to resolve the matter, and the student was enrolled in the same grade attended in the previous school.

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