

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Cherise Imai, Executive Director  
Daron Korte, Chair, MIC3 Compliance Committee

FROM: Laura Anastasio, Commissioner's Designee  
State of Connecticut

DATE: October 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Connecticut State Council for Military Children

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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.

### Membership of the Connecticut State Council

The current members of the Council are:

- Dr. Miguel A. Cardona, Commissioner of Education
- Laura Anastasio, Commissioner's Designee
- Representative Holly Cheeseman
- Valerie Nelson, Groton Public Schools
- Jason S. Hartling, Ledyard Public Schools
- Krista 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, NLO Submarine Base (nonvoting)
- Louis Tallarita, Connecticut State Liaison (nonvoting)

The Connecticut State Council met once during the 2019-20 school year: on October 3, 2019. The meeting scheduled for March 19, 2020 was cancelled due to Governor Lamont's emergency declaration concerning the global pandemic. At the October meeting, the Council met jointly with the Military School Liaison Committee and discussed the proposed expansion of the Compact to include National Guard and Reserve relocations, legislative proposals impacting districts with large military dependent populations (including early registration for magnet students, start times for schools, and a change in the Kindergarten entry age.) The group also provided feedback concerning proposals raised to MIC3 regarding uniform grading. The Executive Director for LEARN, which operates several magnet school in the region, presented their magnet pilot for admitting students outside the lottery to accommodate military families.

In addition, the Connecticut State Council supported an information table at the National Guard Back-to-School Fair at the Hartford Armory, where the Commissioner's Designee met with families of the National Guard to inform them of the Compact.

One case was raised to the Commissioner level concerning the placement of a middle school student in an advanced math course. The matter was settled quickly with the school district. The Commissioner Designee offered to conduct a training for district personnel, and the school district has indicated its interest in scheduling this training session for all district administrators and school counselors at a future administrative council meeting.

Due to the continued closure of the State Office Building, the state council is seeking to meet virutally with the MSLC for its next meeting.

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