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Ms. Cherise Imai
Executive Director
Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission
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Dear Ms. Imai,

The following information is provided in accordance with MIC3 Policy 01-2017, state coordination, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Points of contact for the Kansas State Council are myself and Sherry Root, Kansas State Department of Education. Ms. Root may be reached at 785-296-3871 or via e-mail at sroot@ksde.org.

The Kansas Military Child Education Council (Council) held its annual meeting by ZOOM on May 12, 2022. The agenda and minutes for that meeting are being submitted with this letter and are posted on the Kansas Military Families [website](#).

The Council reviewed events of the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting, including officer elections, committee reports, and the annual budget. In addition, the Council reviewed the MIC3 Strategic Plan and discussed its implications for students in Kansas. The dues for FY23 were also reviewed. An increase in the amount was seen as good news, as that is indicative of an increase in the number of military connected students in Kansas.

The State Council again discussed the proposal to bring children of National Guard and Reserve soldiers into the Compact, and reviewed the clarification provided by MIC3 legal counsel. The State Council continues to believe no further action is necessary by the Commission and no change should be made to the Compact.

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Discussion was also held about implementing a statewide Purple Star School program through the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE). While the Council understands that Purple Star is not an initiative of MIC3, members were interested in drafting requirements for participation in the program and presenting it to KSBE for consideration next fall. Those members have continued to meet, outside the auspices of the Council, to draft guidelines. Launching the Purple Stars Program at the state level will undoubtedly be a major initiative for the coming year.

With concerns about COVID-19 easing a bit, mobility returned for military families. Despite the increased movement, very few issues were raised to the state level for resolution regarding military connected students. Parents, teachers, administrators, military staff and School Liaison Officers are to be commended for helping students work through an extremely challenging and unprecedented time.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Craig Neuenswander". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

S. Craig Neuenswander
Commissioner, Kansas State Council