

# Wisconsin State Council for the Interstate Compact on the Educational Opportunities for Military Children

Meeting Agenda/Minutes

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1. Call to order - Shelley Joan Weiss, Commissioner
2. Roll Call - Introductions - Shelley Joan Weiss
  - a. Shelley Joan Weiss, Commissioner, Chair
  - b. Dr. Jill Underly - Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction
  - c. Thomas McCarthy - Executive Director for the State Superintendent
  - d. Andrea Donegan - Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Liaison, School Counseling Consultant
  - e. Benjamin Jones - DPI Legal Counsel (Kari Race - Designated Substitute)
  - f. Senator Patrick Testin - Legislative Representative
  - g. Michael Hanson - Superintendent of Tomah Area School District (Military Impacted Schools)
  - h. Amy Van Deuren - Superintendent of Sparta Area School District (Military Impacted Schools)
  - i. Rebecca Walley - Wisconsin School Liaison Officer for Military Families (based at Fort McCoy)
  - j. Lt Col John Wheeler, Interim Military Representative (guest)
  - k. Lynn Sisco - Military Family Representative
  - l. JD Englehardt - Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Child and Youth Program
  - m. Rebecca Boehlke - Representative, Military One Source (excused)
  - n. Stephanie Hauser- Representative, Executive Director of the WIAA
  - o. Angelene Mattes - Representative, WI Parent Teacher Association
  - p. Derek Campbell - Executive Branch Representative
  - q. Stacy Eslik - Executive Director, Wisconsin School Counselor Association

3. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Motion made by Andrea Donegan , Seconded, Agenda approved
4. Approval of the [Minutes from 20 AUG 2021](#)
  - a. Motion made by Andrea Donegan, Seconded, Minutes approved.
5. Welcome from Dr. Jill Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
  - a. Dr. Underly welcomed and thanked all members for their commitment. She emphasized the importance of understanding and supporting the academic and emotional needs of children of military families. She commented on the importance of including the military as part of the CTE strands as the military may be a pathway for some students. Dr. Underly shared that she will be eager for us to return to celebrations similar to what we had in the past. She strongly supports Purple Up celebrations, recognizing military children in April, the month of the military child.
6. Thank you to Col Kathleen Adamson
  - a. Col Adamson will be leaving the Council.
    - i. Shelley has contacted Mr. William Hampton, DoD to request a replacement.
    - ii. Col Adamson and Shelley recommended a current member of the WI National Guard who is also an educator.
      1. Lt Col John Wheeler, WI ANG joined us as a guest and interim representative.
7. Update on Commissioner activities, Shelley Joan Weiss
  - a. Participated in [Annual Business Meeting \(ABM\)](#) (held online).
  - b. FEB 9, 2022 [Letter from Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona](#) emphasizing the importance of supporting children of military families.
  - c. Shared information with a few parents/guardians moving to WI on school districts.
  - d. April, Month of the Military Child.
    - i. Friday, April 15, 2022 is Purple Up! Day for HQ, Europe & Pacific, and the Americas. Select military installations or communities may decide to designate different days throughout the month.
    - ii. Resources (sent to all members earlier)
      1. [Military Benefits - Month of the Military Child](#)
      2. [Museum of Military History - Month of the Military Child](#)
      3. [Military One Source - MOMC 2021 info](#)
      4. [DODEA - MOMC 2022 info](#)
      5. [MIC3 - MOMC toolkit](#)
      6. [MIC3 - Ideas](#)
      7. [Military Child Education Coalition](#)
      8. [DoD Month of the Military Child](#)

- iii. DPI will do a proclamation and article in DPI ConnectEd
  - iv. Governor Evers will do a proclamation
  - v. Articles will be sent to AWSA, WASDA, and WSCA
  - vi. Individuals may order a [Purple Up Tshirt](#). Orders must be in by MAR 6, 2022.
  - vii. Please share activities you have planned for your district/organization.
  - viii. Shelley shared that she uses WISEDASH frequently when parents/caregivers of military members ask for information about various school district. WISEDASH provides objective data on numerous data points that helps parents/caregivers to make decisions on which school district may best meet their needs.
8. Wisconsin Educator Leadership Rendezvous
- a. The Rendezvous has been canceled for 2022.
  - b. Changes are taking place in the WI ARNG Recruiting Command, including retirements/job changes for leaders who have been instrumental to the Rendezvous.
  - c. Guard Members have been stretched due to COVID during the last two years (e.g., supporting health facilities, testing, schools).
  - d. We will revisit in 2023.
    - i. Dr. Underly shared that she hoped we can continue to connect educators and military members to increase awareness for both.
    - ii. We discussed the possibility of an “Educator Lift” with the Army National Guard helicopter unit. Shelley will keep everyone informed.
  - e. Rebecca Boehlke, Military One Source shared that Brigadier General Joni Matthews, who has worked closely with us in her leadership position at the Department of Military Affairs, will be the new Commander at the Wisconsin National Guard Challenge Academy at Fort McCoy. This may provide us with some new opportunities.
9. Update on School Liaison activities, Becky Walley
- a. Becky continues to provide support and responses to questions from military families.
  - b. Becky forwards relevant information to Shelley as needed.
  - c. Fort McCoy is planning activities for Purple Up.
  - d. She shared that there are several PSC (Permanent Change of Station) moves taking place.
10. New WI Legislation (Information only)
- a. [Senate Bill 104](#)
  - b. [Senate Bill 108](#)

11. Updates and input from members

- a. Andrea Donegan commented that she will share the positive comments with Terry Michaelson, DPI, who oversees the WISEDASH data.
- b. Stacy Eslik shared that the WSCA would welcome proposals for presentations at their upcoming conference. She shared there would be a strand on Rooted in Resilience.
- c. Rebecca Boehlke's husband conducts resilience training at the Wisconsin Military Academy at Fort McCoy.
- d. Becky Walley shared that she works with a certified resilience trainer in her program at Fort McCoy.

12. Resources available from

- a. [Military Interstate Childrens Compact Commission, MIC3](#)
- b. [Military Child Education Coalition.MCEC](#)
- c. [National Military Family Association](#)

13. Additional Information/Questions

- a. Rebecca Boehlke, Military One Source  
[Rebecca.Boehlke@militaryonesource.com](mailto:Rebecca.Boehlke@militaryonesource.com) shared the following resources:
  - i. [Ways to Help Your Children Cope With Moving](#)
  - ii. [Coping with Standardized Testing Systems When You Change Schools](#)
  - iii. [Advance Enrollment for Military Children](#)
- b. J.D. Engelhardt, Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Child & Youth Program, [\\_johndaniel.w.engelhardt.ctr@army.mil](mailto:_johndaniel.w.engelhardt.ctr@army.mil) shared the following:
  - i. Show your support for Military Youth by wearing purple on April 15th, 2022 and send us a photo of your family wearing purple or your family with your service member. Please give us your families last name and what city your family resides in. We will posting those photos on our Child and Youth Program Facebook Page by sending us the photo you give up permission to post it on social media. Email those photos by Apr 13th, 2022 to: [Johndaniel.w.engelhardt.ctr@army.mil](mailto:Johndaniel.w.engelhardt.ctr@army.mil) or to: [wiacyp@gmail.com](mailto:wiacyp@gmail.com)
  - ii. Madison Veterans Museum is hosting a in person Month of the Military Day Camp on April 9th, 2022 from 1pm-4pm. We will talking with an Oral Historian about how to interview military family members to capture the voice of our military families. Making poppy flowers for the Memorial Day display and comparing what service members carried in the past and now. This event is open to all current service members of any military branch or component and veterans with children. Follow the link to sign-up.  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/purple-up-family-day-camp-tickets-276817908817>

- iii. Virtual Month of the Military Child Events. We will talking with the kids about how Being Your Own Champion. Grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will meet Apr 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7pm to 8 pm. Please, sign up here:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/being-your-own-champion-grades-1-5-tickets-292502291227>
- iv. Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> will meet April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7pm to 8pm. Please, sign up here  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/being-your-own-champion-grades-6-12-tickets-292514006267>
- c. Andrea Donegan, WI DPI will connect Shelley with others at the DPI who may be able to support our work.
- d. Please share any relevant information or questions with Shelley. She will provide regular email updates.

14. Future Meetings

- a. Typically held in AUG 2022, but to be determined
- b. Shelley will send date/time

15. Meeting was adjourned.