

**State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**  
**Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

Participants and Guests use Zoom Link for remote participation:  
<https://educationne.zoom.us/j/99829580035>

The Nebraska State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children held its annual meeting on June 16, 2026. Publicized notice of the meeting was given by posting notice on the Department’s website, which gave the date, time, and location of the meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

Ryan Foor, Chair of the Council Commission of the State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

The following members were present via Zoom: Ryan Foor, MIC3 Compact Commissioner; Ami Huff, Military Family Education Liaison; Dr. Brian Maher, NDE Commissioner; Dr. Jeff Rippe, Superintendent, Bellevue Public Schools Col.; Colonel Marion Russell, Offutt Airforce Base 55<sup>th</sup> Wing Support Group Commander, Military/DOD Representative.

Offutt AFB School Liaisons: Tina Luderman and Jennifer Miller

Absent: Senator Dave Murman

**2. APPROVAL OF 2025 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Brian Maher, second by Jeff Rippe to approve the minutes of May 30, 2025, meeting.

Marion Russell	Yes
Jeff Rippe	Yes
Ami Huff	Yes
Brian Maher	Yes
Ryan Foor	Yes

The motion passed.

**3. REPORTS BY MEMBERS ON ACTIVITY OR ISSUES OCCURRING**

Dr. Foor asked the Council if there were any objections to the school liaisons providing a report and there were none.

**Marion “Mark” Russell, Offutt Airforce Base 55<sup>th</sup> Wing Support Group Commander,** reported no military-educational issues and praised the strong partnership with the NDE and local school boards. Bellevue Public Schools and Papillion-LaVista Public Schools are designated as Purple Start Schools, with Plattsmouth Public Schools preparing to earn the same status. Special thanks were given to Dr. Jeff Ripped and the NDE for supporting the Month of the Military Child.

**Tina Luderman, School Liaison, Offutt Air Force Base**, reported that there have not been a lot of cases, but a concern is larger schools understand a military child transfer better than smaller schools and the liaisons have had to be more help. Another concern is family transfers for students with 504 and IEP plans and Bellevue Public Schools have been a great support, and no cases have had to be brought to the state level.

**Dr. Jeff Rippe, Superintendent, Bellevue Public Schools**, reported that the Bellevue Public Schools has not heard of any issues this past year. Dr. Rippe expressed his appreciation for the great partnership with Offutt AFB and the NDE.

**Commissioner Maher** expressed gratitude for the relationships with Bellevue Public Schools and Offutt AFB and now, adding Papillion-La Vista Public Schools as a Purple Star School. Dr. Maher was appreciative of the visits to Bellevue Public Schools last month and the program.

**Ami Huff, Military Family Education Liaison**, attended the MIC3 annual business meeting in the fall. Last fall a family reached out for help with their transfer in and student's IEP. This issue was handled internally.

**Ryan Foor, MIC3 Compact Commissioner**, will be attending the MIC3 annual business meeting in October. When the agenda is published, he will reach out to the Council for input on business items. Following his appointment as MIC3 Compact Commissioner, Dr. Foor was subsequently appointed to the MIC3 Rules Committee.

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments were offered.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.