

Florida Interstate Compact Council Annual Report 2020-21

The State of Florida MIC3 Council continued its quarterly meetings throughout the reporting period. The meetings are arranged and led by the Florida Department of Education staff, notably Felicia Trumpler. The meeting notes, which summarize actions, discussion and attendance by council members are attached here and comprise the bulk of our annual report.

The council spent several meetings this year discussing Compact Expansion to Guard and Reserve and was briefed by FLDOE on impacts of the Covid pandemic on Florida's schools.

During the reporting period Florida became a Purple Star state. This was endorsed by the council but was pushed through the state legislature by FLDOE and the Florida Defense Alliance, a public-private partnership.

Significant technical assistance provided during the period is outlined in the meeting notes below.

Florida received outstanding support from the National MIC3 office, from Cherise Imai and Lindsey Dablow. One or both joined our quarterly meetings and provided valuable information to the council.

Representatives of the Office of the Governor and the Florida Legislature are active participants in the meetings.

Membership of the Florida Council

Education Designee

Jacob Oliva, Executive Vice Chancellor, Florida Department of Education

Military Family Education Liaison

Kaye McKinley, Principal, Liza Jackson Preparatory School, Okaloosa County School District

Military/DOD Representative

RDML Wes McCoy, Commander, Navy Region Southeast



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State Council Members

Bob Buehn, Adjunct Professor, US Naval War College, Florida Commissioner

Jacob Oliva, Executive Vice Chancellor, Florida Department of Education

Zackary Gibson, Chief Child Advocate and Director, Office of Adoption and Child Protection, Office of the Governor

Felicia M. Trumpler, School Counselor Consultant, Student Support Services, Student Support Services Project/USF

Cindy Gates, Community Affairs, Executive Director Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation, Military Liaison, Principal Training & Development of Okaloosa County School District

Elaine Lajeunesse, School Liaison Officer, Eglin Air Force Base

Jordanne Stark, Florida High School Athletic Association, Ex Officio

The rest of the annual report consists of the quarterly meeting notes, including agendas, below.

**Respectfully submitted,
Bob Buehn, Capt., USN, Ret.
Florida Commissioner**



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Quarterly Meeting Notes and Minutes--2021

July 9, 2021
10:00 AM EDT

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1. Welcome / Introductions – Kevin Hoeft

Check-In/Status Updates-Kevin Hoeft, filling in on behalf of Chancellor Oliva.

- Recent legislative session established Purple Star School Designation and LaTonya Peterson would provide additional updates.
- 20-21 legislative HB 7045 (School Choice) bill passed qualifying for Family Empowerment Scholarship. This opens up many school opportunities for military family students. Dependent children is the only criteria for qualification.
- Most schools will return to face-to-face instruction, mask will be optional, as well as mask policy in school districts. The 2020-2021 Legislative Review Publication is posted and it was encouraged that we review the legislative highlights. The back to school memo will provide updates as well.

2. Purple Star Legislation, A Look Ahead- Latanya Peterson

- Paperless memos will be going out to the superintendents soon and the Student Services Department will house the webpage. The portal for applications will open in April of 2022. There will also be an FAQ and video of supports posted on the website as well. Applications will be completed electronically.
- Currently working on the website and logo. This will be out in the next couple of weeks.

3. Message from Compact Commissioner – Bob Buehn

- National Guard and Reserves (NGR) Compact Expansion Update
 - Should the compact be expanded?
 - Options – Aug.31st deadline to report to national office
 - Amend compact statute



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- Amend state code out of state
- Create enhanced compact with additional language
- Proceed like we have been-Florida recommends no changes to present Compact language.
- Introduced new rep. Admiral Lest McCall, who expressed that he was happy to support the group and initiatives in any way.
 - Commissioner Bob Buehn introduced another member Steve from Okaloosa county
- Commissioner Buehn opened the floor for comments, questions and concerns regarding Florida's position on Compact Expansion language.

4. Update from School Liaison Officers

- Many compliments of appreciation
- SLO Updates

Lacy A. spoke about a potential taskforce for Purple Star

Elaine L- Inquired whether or not the application will be completed via electronic or hard copy.

Latanya Peterson reiterated that the application will be electronic.

Sharon K. commented with thanks and appreciation for the group. Stated that she felt like this was the strongest MIC3 Compact in the Nation.

Michelle Taylor thanked Felicia for always assisting whenever she reaches out and that she doesn't get enough credit for what she does.

Erin P. appreciated everyone from Felicia to the Admiral for consistent support and positive communication (DOE and MIC 3).

5. Other Business

- Comments – Questions- None
- Next meeting October 8, 2021

6. Future Meeting Dates for 2022

- TBD

Date: July 9, 2021



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Meeting Facilitator(s): Director Kevin Hoeft in lieu of Chancellor Oliva

Meeting Note Recorder(s): Felicia M. Trumpler and Damera Hopkins

IV. Call to order

Facilitator(s):	Kevin Hoeft and Felicia Trumpler
Time:	10:00 a.m.
Location:	Teleconference (888)585-9008 Passcode 568005294

V. Compact Council Members and Designees

Compact Commissioner Capt. (Ret.) Bob Buehn	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Commissioner of Education Designee Chancellor Jacob Oliva	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Deputy Superintendent of district with highest percentage of per capita Steve Horton– Designee	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Family Ed Liaison Kaye McKinley	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Representative from Military Installation Elaine LaJeunesse	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Representative from Executive Branch Zackary Gibson	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Representative from President of Senate and Speaker of House Vacant	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Captain Jeffery Hill DOD Representative and USN Commanding Officer, NAS Jacksonville	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
School Counseling Consultant USF/DOE Felicia Trumpler	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Ex-officio Member from Florida High School Athletic Association Jordanne Stark	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>

School Liaison Officers

NAS Whiting Field	Dawn Kaunike	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
NAS Pensacola	Carissa Bergosh	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Region	Michele Taylor	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Hurlburt Field	Lacy Allen	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick AFB	Susan Clark	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Tyndall AFB	Stephanie Grout	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eglin AFB	Elaine Lajeunesse	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
McDill AFB	Venetia Waters	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MIC 3

MIC 3	Cherise Imai, Executive Director	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
MIC 3	Lindsey Dablow, Training and Operations Associate	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

House and Senate Representation

Jennifer Guy (House)	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wolff Taylor (House)	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Diana Caldwell (Senate)	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eric Miller (House)	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cindy Brown (Senate)	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Additional Attendees

Lt. Walker	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Col. Block	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Latonya Peterson (DPS/DOE)	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>

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7. Welcome / Introductions – Jacob Oliva

- COVID-19 Check In
- Update on Immunization (initially discussed 1/8/2021)
- Nearing the End of the School Year-Finish Strong
- Legislative Impacts

8. Purple Star School Recognition Update-Jared Ochs

9. Month of the Military Child and Purple Up! Day-Felicia Trumpler

- Purple Up! Day will be recognized on April 21, 2021

10. Message from Compact Commissioner – Bob Buehn

11. Update from National Compact Office – Cherise Imai

- Compact Expansion to National Guard & Reserve beyond Title 10

12. Update from School Liaison Officers

13. Other Business

- Comments – Questions
- Next meeting July 9, 2021

14. Future Meeting Dates for 2020-2021

- October 8, 2021

1. Welcome / Introductions – Jacob Oliva

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Notes:

- Chancellor Oliva kicked off with providing updates on closing out the school year, end of the year events (graduation) for students, etc. Districts will continue to follow the CDC guidelines and work with their local health departments.
- There has been an increased percentage of student returning to in-person instruction.
- Progress monitoring needs to be collected for performance data to monitor students' and begin creating robust summer learning programs.
- Protecting our vulnerable populations is a high priority for the agency.
 - Gibson-asked about the summer effort regarding grant money for districts. Oliva states the entitlement cares refers funds/COVID release pack to support districts. Along with federal dollars provided.
 - Gibson 2nd question- regarding any plans for virtual learning for the 21-22 school year. Oliva stated districts would always have an option of FLVS. However, for the hybrid innovative option has not been formulated just yet. The conversation is ongoing and a finalized decision has not been made yet. Oliva explained that the districts should focus on finishing the remaining of this school year.
- 3 weeks left of this session legislative year; tracking and monitoring legislative items of interest.

2. Purple Star School Recognition Update-Jared Ochs

- HB 421 and SB 938 are moving through the process. Two out of the three legislative items passed in committee and are waiting to become agenda items. Ochs indicates things are looking good.
- Additional remarks from Chancellor Oliva:
 - Virtual options will continue and remain in place to provide

3. Month of the Military Child and Purple Up! Day-Felicia Trumpler



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- Celebrating the month of military child. April 21st is purple-up day; please encourage districts to wear purple. Felicia provided an update on Month of the Military child and the importance of how impactful it is to celebrate our military connected students.

4. Message from Compact Commissioner – Bob Buehn

- The letter that was sent to the speaker of the house regarding filling the vacancy for Kelly Owens has not gotten a response yet.
- New membership Jacksonville- NAS Caption Jeffery Hill is being sworn in at 10am today.
- Buehn also shared at UNF for the month of April, they are wearing purple every Monday of recognition of military families.
- Commissioner Buehn also spoke about the finance committee meeting on July 9 and needing to make a decision on the position to take by August at it relates to NGR Compact expansion.

5. Update from National Compact Office – Cherise Imai

- Compact Expansion to National Guard & Reserve beyond Title 10
- Cherise will provide notes. See embedded hyperlink below.



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Cherise discussed Chapter 500 and Chapter 600 as it relates to eligibility for enrollment under Compact expansion. Additionally, the potential for fiscal impact was discussed if dues increased.

6. Update from School Liaison Officers

- Elaine shared her appreciation from the DOE and the Governor on the communication and support for military families. She appreciated the many



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options available, whether brick and mortar, or virtual. She is also a huge supporter of the Purple Star legislation and excited about the work ahead.

7. Other Business

- Comments – Questions- None
- Next meeting July 9, 2021

8. Future Meeting Dates for 2020-2021

- October 8, 2021

Date: January 8, 2021

Meeting Facilitator(s): Chancellor Jacob Oliva and Felicia Trumpler

Meeting Note Recorder(s): Felicia M. Trumpler/Damera Hopkins

VI. Call to order

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Representative from Military Installation Elaine LaJeunesse, AFB Eglin	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Representative from President of Senate and Speaker of House Vacant	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
Representative from the Dept. of Defense Capt. Brian Weiss , NAS Jacksonville	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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Ex-officio Member from Florida High School Athletic Association Jordanne Stark	Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Representative from the Florida Department of Education Felicia M. Trumpler, Student Support Services	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>

MIC3 Representation

Exec. Director	Cherise Imai	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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House and Senate Representation

John Mitchell-Senate Subcommittee	Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/>
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Additional Attendees		
Kelli Jo Kilberg	Enterprise Florida-Florida Defense Alliance, Chair	
Col. Beth Medina (Ret.)	Enterprise Florida-Florida Defense Alliance, VP	
Jared Ochs	Assistant Deputy Chancellor, DPS	

Kristina Castillo	DPS/Legislative Affairs
Damera Hopkins	DPS/Student Support Services
Andrew Weatherill	DPS/Student Support Services
Kevin Hoeft	DPS/Educational Policy

VIII. Opening Remarks

Felicia Trumpler called the meeting to order with a brief roll call and yielded the floor to Chancellor Oliva. Chancellor Oliva provided a recap of the tremendous strides the State of Florida made last spring, and how the work ahead would continue.

The following areas were discussed:

- Closing the achievement gap
- Continued commitment from schools, SLOs, and all stakeholders
- Submission of school district learning plans (posted to emergency response site)
- CARES Act dollars to the State, which was pivotal in ensuring a continuation of education for our students and providing key resources to districts
- Program monitoring
- Choice Options
- Protecting funding via implementation
- Vaccines available and optimistic for where we are headed and will be next year this time

Emergency Order 2020-EO -07 was issued and highlighted to show the flexibility offered to school districts in support of making informed decisions. This flexibility is also extended to provide options to our families. Sixty (60) school districts have submitted their Spring 2021 Education Plans, and those plans have been approved. There are a few additional plans that are currently under review.

Florida is committed to ensuring that schools remain open. Safety and protection for students, educators and our most vulnerable populations is the goal.

IX. New Business

Chancellor Oliva mentioned that we hope to provide legislative updates during our next quarterly meeting. It was discussed that the Legislative Affairs Office was continuously monitoring all new legislation.

Chancellor Oliva moved into the next item of discussion-Purple Star School Recognition update. Chancellor Oliva thanked the team for the work and the progress made and was excited about what this means for Florida military students and families. The floor was yielded to Assistant Deputy Chancellor, Jared Ochs who provided a summary on the Purple Start School Recognition. Spoke to the academic and school choice components that will set Florida apart from other states. Florida is looking to provide a high-quality program and become the model that others look to for implementation.

The floor was open for Col. Bob Buehn (Ret.), Compact Commissioner, to continue to discuss the Purple Star School Recognition program. He was also excited about this potentially coming to Florida and how beneficial it is. Col. Buehn (Ret.) solicited feedback from the group.

Commissioner Buehn opened the floor for discussion, which led to potential collaboration with other organizations. Erin Pickard, NSA, began to discuss the program she works with (Girl Scouts Council of Gateway), and how they would be willing to support the Purple Star Program. **Chancellor Oliva was interested in hearing more about the program. Felicia is to send Erin's contact information to Chancellor Oliva and Assistant Deputy Chancellor Jared Ochs.**

Beth Medina, with Enterprise Florida Defense Alliance, discussed the Purple Up program and that resources can be vetted to her at FDA to ensure that they provide immediate support, as that is their goal.

Zackery Gibson and Teri Wanamaker to exchange information regarding linking family support groups.

Col. Bob Buehn (Ret.), continued with providing an update to the group regarding the vacancy left by Kelly Owens and that the request to fill the vacancy was sent to the Senate President and Speaker of the House. Commissioner Buehn thanked Felicia Trumpler facilitating the work in helping to get the information out. He also thanked Felicia for taking on the tasks of filling the void left by Curtis Jenkins when he retired. Stated that she was doing a great job and appreciated her.

Cherise Imai was on the agenda to provide an update but was not presented. The item of discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Cherise was to discuss Compact expansion to the National Guard.

IV. Open Issues/Items to Keep in the Forefront

Chancellor Oliva wanted to remind the group of Interim Committee Week coming up for Session 2021.

Erin Pickard (NSA Panama City) discussed concerns that were brought forth at her local school board meeting. Chancellor Oliva offered support to her and that if there were any more challenges that she could reach out to us directly.

Sharon Kasica (NS Mayport) thanked the MIC3 team for always doing what they can to remain supportive. She is excited that there is the option for students to attend brick and mortar.

Felicia Trumpler thanked all the SLOs for their hard work and continued support to our military students and families.

Susan Clark (Patrick AFB) thanked DOE for all of their support and being so readily available in providing reports and requested information.

Lacy Allen (Hurlburt Field) agreed with the comments from Sharon and Susan and was also grateful for the boots on the ground and MIC 3 guidance. Lacy was concerned about the 30-day grace period for military students and immunizations. *Currently, under MIC3 provisions there is a 30-day grace period for immunizations, this does not cover student physical requirements. This is becoming a trend in regard to student enrollment concerns. Is there any update or guidance regarding student physicals under MIC3 regarding grace periods for student physicals? Chancellor Oliva to collaborate with the Department of Health for them to provide an update on immunization.*

Kaye McKinley (Family Ed Liaison) offered her support for public charter schools to be involved with the Purple Star School Recognition program.

Zach Gibson (EOG), provided an update on the expansion of adoption benefits, will also share via email with Chancellor Oliva and Felicia Trumpler.

V. Closing Remarks

Meeting closed out meeting and reiterated the dates for future Compact Council meetings. Chancellor Oliva thanked everyone for joining. To preserve time, confirmation for additional attendees will be conducted via email to ensure accuracy.