

Military Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
Florida Council Meeting Agenda

January 13, 2023

10:00am EST

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| TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER |
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| 10:00-10:05 | Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call • Call for Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2022 Meeting | Damera Hopkins, School Counseling Consultant/Military Lead Contact Dr. Chris Russell, Senior Educational Program Director |
| 10:05-10:10 | Welcome and Review of the Agenda | Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor, Strategic Improvement, Florida Department of Education |
| 10:10-10:20 | Message from Compact Commissioner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of The Honorable Danny Burgess, State Senator, District 3 • Review of Education Liaison Replacement Nominees | Capt. Bob Buehn, Commissioner, Florida Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) |
| 10:20-10:30 | USAF Support of Military Families Report update | Kevin Hoeft, Education Policy Development Director |
| 10:30-10:35 | Purple Star Schools Designation Update | Andria Cole, Chief, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach |
| 10:35-10:45 | Updates from the National Office | Cherise Imai, MIC3 Executive Director |
| 10:45-10:55 | Update from School Liaison Officers | |
| 10:55-11:00 | Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Comments / Questions • Potential for video conference meeting-April 14, 2023 | |
| Future Meeting Dates for 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 14 • July 14 • October 13 | | |


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| Compact Council Members | 1-888-585-9008 Passcode 568005294 then # |
| Compact Commissioner Capt. (Ret.) Bob Buehn | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commissioner of Education Chancellor Jacob Oliva – Designee | Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 | Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Representative from Military Installation Elaine LaJeunesse | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MIC3 Executive Director Cherise Imai | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Representative from the Executive Office of the Governor | Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Representative from Speaker of House Allison Liby-Schoonover | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Representative from President of Senate and Speaker of House Danny Burgess | Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Representative from the Dept. of Defense RDML Wesley McCall | Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Ex-officio Member from Florida High School Athletic Association Jordanne Stark | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Representative from the Florida Department of Education Damera Hopkins, Student Support Services | |

| School Liaison Officers | | |
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| 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"/> |
| NSA Panama City | Erin Pickard | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NAS Jacksonville | Teri Wanamaker | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NS Mayport | Sharon Kasica | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NAS Key West | Dawn Mills | Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 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"/> |

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| Patrick Space Force | Susan Clark | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tyndall AFB | Mallory Gross | 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| School Liaison, USAG Miami | Claudette Mohn | Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| South COM | Claudette Mohn | Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| House and Senate Representation | |
| John Mitchell-Senate Subcommittee | Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Additional Attendees | |
| Dr. Peggy Aune | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Andrew Weatherill | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dr. Chris Russell | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Andrea Cole | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jessica Brattain | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 10:00-10:05 | Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call • Call for Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2022, Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damera Hopkins, School Counseling Consultant/Military Lead Contact • Dr. Chris Russell, Senior Educational Program Director |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call was taken by Damera Hopkins as attendees entered the phone conference call. | | |

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| <p>Reminder to please email Ms. Hopkins to verify attendance after meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from October 2022 meeting were approved and processed. | | |
| 10:05–10:10 | <p>Welcome and Review of the Agenda</p> | <p>Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor, Strategic Improvement, Florida Department of Education</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Aune reviewed agenda, which was shared via the email invitation. | | |
| 10:10-10:20 | <p>Message from Compact Commissioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of The Honorable Danny Burgess, State Senator, District 23 Review of Education Liaison Replacement Nominees | <p>Capt. Bob Buehn, Commissioner, Florida Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3)</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Buehn welcomed newly appointed State Senator David Burgess to the MIC3 Council. Commissioner Buehn attended the annual business meeting of the interstate compact in Baton Rouge, LA. He is still on the finance committee; however, no longer serves as treasurer. Dr. Aune provided a brief review of the Education Family Liaison nominees for the Council. There were three nominees submitted for consideration. The Council may submit up to five nominees to Governor DeSantis’ office for consideration of the position. Each of the nominees completed the same consistent fields including experience with the U.S. Armed forces, K-12 education and their motivation or interest for joining or wanting to serve in this role. The three nominees are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Andrew Wetherill</u> – Senior Director of Student Support Services, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS), Florida Department of Education (FDOE), in collaboration with University of South Florida. <u>Michael Newsome</u> – Former active duty Marine and current Marine Corps Reservist platoon commander. Mr. Newsome currently works as a Program Specialist within BEESS serving as an investigator for alleged violations against school districts with respect to students with disabilities <u>Lisa Hill</u> – Military spouse for 32 years with experience in the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force (USAF) and performing joint assignments. During most of those assignments, she mentored military spouses and helped them navigate through the various challenges that military families face. Mrs. Hill also shared her experiences in K-12 education as well as her interest in serving in this role. The three nominees have been confirmed to move forward with pertinent information as well as a cover letter from Commissioner Buehn for the Governor. | | |
|  <p>Nomination for Military Family Liasic</p> | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Buehn opened the floor for comments regarding the nominees. Elaine LaJeunesse shared how she wanted to re-emphasize that each nominee should have experiences in education and working with military families who are transferring from overseas to stateside, and from district to district. | | |
| 10:20-10:30 | <p>USAF Support of Military Families Report-Update</p> | <p>Kevin Hoeft, Education Policy Development Director</p> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Hoefft shared concerns about the USAF Support of Military Families Report from 2018 and how this process is being done. He stated how Florida is deeply concerned that the model established by the USAF provides a misleading picture of the state of public education in Florida. The result of this report potentially harms military families and Florida’s reputation as one of the top military friendly states in the nation. The Support of Military Families Report ranks all 157 USAF installations in the nation and will likely be considered as a key factor by the Armed Services in their future decision making. This was the finding of the report. Please see the attached report and links below regarding the USAF Support of Military Families Report update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enterprise Florida - USAF Support of Military Families Report Enterprise Florida - USAF Support of Military Families Report - One-pager USAF - Support of Military Families Overview USAF - Support of Military Families - State Results – see pages 96-122 for Florida results It is important that FDOE and MIC3 members continue to engage with the USAF and the Department of Defense on this matter to work toward a solution. It appears that the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Army are going to have to produce reports similar to the USAF’s report by the end of 2023. It is essential that the two other service branches do not use the same criteria currently being used by USAF when they produce their reports. However, it is also essential that all the service branches use the same criteria so that there is data and report uniformity across the branches. This has been an ongoing issue in dialogue since 2020. Therefore, we need to make sure we arrive at a fair and informed solution. Steve Horton, Okaloosa County, shared how they have been having the same concern for number of years. They have engaged with their military officers and the military officers association with General Hendrix, who wrote a letter on behalf of the Secretary of the USAF on this very topic and did receive a response. They are still reaching out to provide some clarity from the local school district. Lacey Allen shared, on behalf of the USAF, that school liaisons are also sharing their concerns with their leadership regarding some of the discrepancies within the report. | | |
| 10:30-10:35 | Purple Star Schools Designation Update | Andria Cole, Chief, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andria Cole reported that 122 schools earned the Purple Star School of Distinction designation during this inaugural year. This designation is effective for three years, so it will expire at the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year. Letters and certificates were mailed to the schools. Ms. Cole asked that meeting participants let her know if the certificates were received, or if they were any questions. Please contact Ms. Cole at Andria.Cole@fldoe.org. In addition, you will receive future communication concerning the availability of the Purple Star School of Distinction logos as well as guidelines for the use of those logos from FDOE. Following the meeting, Ms. Cole will email members to ensure they receive the logo so they can be celebrated by the members of the council, schools, families and community members. The application process will be open at the beginning of August and will close at the end of September for the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Cole will post information on the Bureau of Family and Community Outreach’s website, which can be found on the FDOE website under Bureau of Family and Community at Outreach under Family and Engagement. They will also send out notification once the website has been updated with the new application. | | |
| 10:35-10:45 | Updates from the National Office | Cherise Imai, MIC3 Executive Director |

- Cherise Imai, following up from Commissioner Buehn, stated that the National Commission held their annual business meeting (ABM) this past October. It was the first in-person meeting since 2019. The budget was passed. Some of the significant things that were launched is a training or compact 101 in Spanish. This is certainly an accomplishment for the training committee. This is being promoted out to members as well as our stakeholders to encourage and promote the Spanish video as well. The Committee is currently working on translating their guides and brochures into Spanish.
- Some of the key decision making items that occurred at the ABM are several rules, changes and updates money, particularly on extracurricular activities, which specifies that schools will promote or make available opportunities to try out for sports or activities to families in a public venue. Meaning that if it is posted on a bulletin board, sent home to families or posted in a newsletter, it is a way for incoming families/students to be able to obtain that information so they can try out for extracurricular activities. Ms. Imai will send the link to the mirror so that she may publish it or send it out to the members of this committee. You can view the digital version or request hard copies free of charge. Just email the National Office and they will send you the most updated copies.
- Another item that was significant at the ABM was issue on the National Guard and Reserve. The Commission determined they would not open up the Compact and change all the statutes and all the 50 states in the District of Columbia. They decided to allow states to pass separate language externally from the Compact, which is easier and faster because it's effective upon passage. The Commission has created a tool kit and it will go before the Executive Committee next week for approval. Once approved, the toolkit will be disseminated to members. Several states have already indicated they will be introducing the language in the upcoming legislative session and they will be using that as a guidance for that initiative.
- The National Office is working on their third strategic plan. They are working on a general, overall learning management system that will provide on-demand training online to members and stakeholders. It will be free of charge. Hopefully, they will finish this year and launch it at the next ABM. They are also working on developing our Compact 101 Training video in American Sign Language. They have secured a vendor. They just have to work with the vendor to get the video tapes and sync them with our speaking version of the Compact 101 Training.
- Free monthly trainings offered (Compact 101 Training). Trainings are offered virtually the third and fourth week of the month. Training participants will receive a certificate of completion, which can be used for professional development for education licensing or for the Purple Star Award.
- Onboarding for new commissioners – working on a new mentoring program. New commissioners are being mentored by seasoned commissioners.
- Updated Compact Rules Book (Updated October 2022): <https://mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/MIC3-Rules-Book-WEB.pdf>
- Training:
 - Events Calendar: <https://mic3.net/events-calendar/> - free monthly Compact 101 virtual training offered 1/19 at 10am ET, Virtual Compact 101 Training (1 hour): https://csg-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYufuqqT4uGdU2q_WEs7pPEKrfc64O4Xdr

- Compact 101 Training in Spanish: <https://youtu.be/0Z3tzSp3Nt0>

Questions or need more information? Contact mic3info@csg.org or visit the website at www.mic3.net.

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Update from School Liaison Officers

- Commissioner Buehn asked liaisons to share with him any updates needed on the MIC3 site. Lindsey Dablow provided updates on the site.
- Lacey Allen wanted to know if there is a date for the “Purple Up!” day in April.
 - “Purple Up!” day is observed nationwide on April 15. Although it is celebrated throughout the month of April, the Commission selected Wednesday, April 19, 2023, as our “Purple Up!” day. Please note that states, districts and schools may select different dates. Please visit <https://www.mic3.net/motmc.html> to download letter templates and resources to promote your support.
- Elaine LaJeunesse shared her thoughts on Chancellor Jacob Oliva, who is transitioning to Arkansas to serve as Secretary of Education. The MIC3 has been so pleased with his positive engagement over the years, and how he has been instrumental in helping military families throughout the state of Florida. We wish him all the best. In addition, she had questions about high school sports, specifically girl sports, and if there are any laws related to this. Mr. Hoeft will follow up with M. LaJeunesse for further clarification after the meeting.
- Dr. Aune shared that we are committed to continue Chancellor Oliva’s legacy at FDOE in these efforts.

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Other Business

- **Public Comments /Questions**
- **Upcoming Meeting Planning**

- Upcoming meeting planning: April 14, July 14 and October 13. One item for consideration that will be sent in a follow up email is if there is a preferred format for the meetings. Should we continue with a telephone or video conference format? This decision will be included in the follow up communication.
- The public was given an opportunity to join the call. No one made a comment.
- Commissioner Buehn shared how Dr. Aune did a great job following in the footsteps of Chancellor Oliva. He stated that he thinks it is a good idea to start video conferencing. He also stated that he would be working with Imai to do some kind of recognition from the National Office for the service Chancellor Oliva has provided for MIC3 over the years.

Meeting adjourned.