

# North Dakota Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)

Monday, June 22, 2020 | 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Microsoft Teams

## Attendance

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supt. Kirsten Baesler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Vollmer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Snow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mg. Jay Sheldon
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Karen Karls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Upgren
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jen Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kelsie Howes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Davina French	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Col. Richard Goodman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jackie Huber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Racquel Labadie
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tina Sly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matt Snider

## Welcome

- Superintendent Kirsten Baesler welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded all participants the meeting is subject to open records laws. Participants introduced themselves.

## Approval of Minutes from December

- Superintendent Kirsten Baesler went over the minutes and all changes that were made.
- The meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

## Old Business

- Superintendent Kirsten Baesler summarized NDCC 15.1-04.1-02 and voting/non-voting members
  - Davina clarified why some members can and cannot vote, referencing federal and state code.
  - Davina went over documents pertaining to air force base appointments by title instead of name. This process has taken eight years.
  - Discussion on correcting position listed in 15.1-04.1-02 (1)(c) will remain on agenda for our next meeting.
- CCSSO discussion on base closures and Insights dashboard – Jim
  - Sponsorship program through airman and family readiness program. Information on school closures, etc. can be sent to SLOs. This is the best way to get information to incoming/outgoing families.

## New Business

- Military Family Education Liaison position appointment - Jim
  - Steve Snow will be taking over Jim's position
  - This change was approved unanimously.
- National Guard/Reserve Update – Davina
  - 100,000 National Guard activated across the country to deal with COVID. 85% participation rate, Guard and Reserve taking the lead. Where do those students go?
- School Liaison Update – Aimee Gillig and Racquel Labadie
  - School physicals with COVID-19 have been challenging but were able to be accomplished.

- Some family movement delayed, re-enrollment of families who thought they were moving and needed to stay put after COVID hit.
- COVID-19 Impacts – Davina
  - Many displaced families that began moving before COVID and got stuck.
  - Childcare for military families – military families rely on grandparents. Where do students go when they cannot go to grandparents? No access to childcare is a systemic failure in a community.
  - Students coming in who did not get the opportunity for virtual learning this spring – gaps for those students coming into North Dakota. How will we handle grade points, etc.?
  - Families should not worry too much about this. Teachers will meet students exactly where they are. Colleges and universities will figure out GPAs and transcripts as needed.
  - Emphasis on social-emotional learning and family engagement.
  - How can we best prepare school personnel for what deployment looks like for the whole family?
  - Schools should begin to prepare for influx of new families; homeschooling, credit for previous classes, dual credit and AP, etc.
- DOD Update – Davina
  - EFMP (Exceptional Family Member Program) still in effect during COVID-19 pandemic. This program into account everything from allergies to cognitive disabilities. Has slowed down a bit due to no-move orders but will pick back up as normal.
  - Many DOD employees are working from home, but childcare has been extremely diminished.

### Re-Focus on the Purpose of MIC3

- Potential Future MIC3-related issues – Open discussion
- MIC3 should focus on how to reach National Guard families in small, rural schools. This has been harder than reaching Air Force families in the past.
- It would be helpful to have a common place for parents to log their connection to the military, possibly PowerSchool?
  - Currently, PowerSchool and STARS checks Title 10 (active duty) via ESSA requirements, but not Title 32 (Reserves and State, if not deployed). Notification is received via these systems when families are put on active duty again.
  - A change could possibly be made to for these systems to look at Title 32 data, but it would need to be built.
  - This would also take some education and coaching for smaller school districts.

### Articles of Enforcement and Background Information on MIC3 – Davina French

- As of 2014, all states and territories are enrolled in the MIC3 program.
- The National MIC3 developed a new website, mission, and core values. Each state belongs to a specific committee.
  - North Dakota belongs in the training committee.

### Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will take place in December 2020, with another possible meeting in fall.

### Meeting Adjourned at 4:37 PM