

May 29,2022

Dear Governor Sununu,

I respectfully submit the annual Military Compact for Children report to you as required by the Title VIII Chapter 110-D.

Throughout the last year the council has been faced with the impact of Covid on the membership and the responsibilities under their charge. After several postponed meetings, the Council met on May 6th, 2022. The Council members were provided highlights of the annual business meeting held virtually in October 2021, hosted by the National MIC3 organization. Included in the report to the Council were the numerous resources available to school and families. The Council also received an update on the status of the inclusion of the National Guard and Reserves under the Military Interstate Compact. This continues to be a critical issue for New Hampshire given the number of students, nearly 7000, whose parents are members of the National Guard or Reserves. When the Council looked at the data it was clear that comparing the NH population and National Guard/ Reserves the impact was proportional to other areas in the country with high concentration. Given the number of deployments to National Guard and Reserves it is the strong position of the Council to support the men and women who are members of the Guard and Reserves.

The Council also reviewed the issues and concerns regarding IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), Special Education services as well Universal Pre-K as important topics to be addressed by the National MIC3 organization at the 2022 annual business meeting.

We are fortunate in NH to have Major General David J. Mikolaities and Staff SGT Rick Frost support our efforts to recognize "Purple Star Schools." We still have more work to do to engage our schools in the initiative but this year we took small steps to recognize Purple Star Schools in NH. Special acknowledgement should be given to Concord, Londonderry, and Pinkerton Academy in Derry for their efforts in recognizing the students of military families.

This year we bid farewell to Commander Daniel Ettlich and his family and expressed gratitude for his support of MIC3 at the Navy Shipyard. We welcome Commander Jeffrey Smith the new XO at the shipyard. We are all looking forward to visiting the base in the near future. The Council was updated on the increases of over 2000 people hired at the base including additional military who have been assigned to the Navy Shipyard. In addition to the increase in military families at the shipyard, we have been informed that 159 Airmen have been assigned to the Pease Airforce base for refueling.

The Council has recommended a Tri State meeting (NH, Maine, and Vermont) to gather this summer August 16th and share the work of their respective Councils.

In addition to the Tri-State meeting the Council has recommended a renewed effort to provide training on the compact to School Superintendents, Principals, Guidance, and staff.

In New Hampshire we are fortunate to have a close-knit educational community resulting in our ability to be responsive to students and families as they transition into new schools and communities.

A special thanks to Kristen Ferullo, the Military School Liaison for the students and families. Kristen has been an incredible assistance to the state council as well to me in serving as the state commissioner.

I am grateful for the years of service that the members of the council have given to the students and families across the state. I have attached the members of the Council for your review and approval.

I am honored to serve as the NH State Commissioner

Respectfully,

Kathleen Murphy

MIC3 Commissioner