

## Massachusetts End-of-Year Report 2025-2026

First Name: J Clarke  
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 I am the Compact Commissioner for Massachusetts  
 for:  
 The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following::  
 RADM J. Clarke Orzalli, USN (RET)-Chairman  
 Andrea Gayle-Bennett, Deputy Secretary – Executive Office of Veterans Services  
 Representative Ken Gordon, Massachusetts State House of Representatives  
 Kerri Anne Quinlan-Zhou Superintendent, Bourne Public Schools  
 Thomas Moreau, Assistant Secretary of Policy and Planning – Designee for Secretary of Education Dr. Stephen Zrike Jr.  
 Ex-Officio Members  
 Col Jorge Jimenez, 66th Air Base Group Commander, Hanscom AFB, United States Air Force  
 CAPT Patrick Sullivan, Commander USCG Base Boston – Coast Guard Liaison  
 CAPT Roger M. Masson, Commander USCG Base Cape Cod – Coast Guard Liaison  
 Julia Dennis, Lead Child & Youth Program Coordinator, Massachusetts Army National Guard  
 Phil Napolitano, Assistant Director, Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA)  
 Renee Williams, Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN)

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are::  
 Christine Cowen, Military Connected Student Specialist Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
 J. Clarke Orzalli, Commissioner MIC3, Massachusetts

Provide the State Council meeting date(s) and documentation:  
 Meeting Date 10 Dec 2025 - Agenda and Draft Minutes attached.  
 Approved Minutes of past meeting 20 November 2024. Documents forwarded to National Office by other means.

Cases and Inquiries:  
 Inquiry from recently retired USAF member about HS credit for courses taken in Middle School. Coordination with Commissioner Dunham of Virginia to to have transcript updated. This was solely a Massachusetts issue - the HS is a different district from the Middle school and the transcript had erroneously omitted the courses. A new transcript was provided. Unable to follow up with the parent, calls and inquiries not returned.

Training and Education:  
 Provided by Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.  
 August 26, 2025 – Monitoring webinar for cohort 5 districts (includes elements of military program for review) for district homeless staff and others as district designated.  
 September 24, 2025 – Data Collection webinar for district homeless or designated district staff (mentions military data)  
 October 7, 9, 21, and 22, 2025 – Orientation presented by team (About the Educational Stability Programs including Military) for district staff and DCF  
 November 20, 2026 – Office hour session: Data for district staff (included Military program)  
 January 15, 2026 – Office hour session: Enrollment (included Military program)  
 April 15, 2026 – Monitoring Debriefing Webinar for Cohort 5 districts (includes military program)  
 May 29, 2026 – Data Collection webinar for district homeless or designated district staff (mentions military data) (64)  
 June 2, 2026 - Data Collection webinar for district homeless or designated district staff (mentions military data) (87)

Distribution of Compact-related Information:  
 Military Members are provided MIC3 information on Check in and Check Out - MIC3 one page flyer provided to over 500 Military Families  
 Bourne Superintendent Kerri Quinlan-Zhou, Laurel Wironen, Hanscom AFB School Liaison and

Bedford Superintendent Cliff Chuang presented at the Massachusetts Paul J Andrews Summer Executive Institute, July 16, 2025, an annual event that brings together all Massachusetts School Superintendents. Our presentation delivered a comprehensive overview of MIC3, Purple Star Schools, and resources dedicated to supporting military families and their children. This platform provided an opportunity to increase awareness and advocate for the needs of military-connected students across the state's school districts, reinforcing our commitment to informed educational support. 3 Superintendents in attendance, however materials were provided to all conference attendees

Commissioner Orzalli briefed Veterans Services Officers on MIC3 using one page flyer on 20 Mat 2026 . There were 50 in attendance, and materials were posted to state VSO information webpage

State-level Briefs, Communications, and Presentations: Governors Proclamation and short brief of Compact was presented by Commissioner Orzalli at Bourne Schools Purple Up day on 15 April 2026. Approximately 250 in attendance including students, parents and teachers.

Presentations: Governors Proclamation and a short brief by Commissioner Orzalli was presented at Bedford High School Appreciation Breakfast on 17 April 2026. Approximately 75 Students Teachers and administrators in attendance

Compact-related Actions : State Council Member Representative Ken Gordon, new chair of the State House education subcommittee, has been working to correct the error in compact language in the state statute. The State Council added Renee Williams, Federation for Children with Special Needs (FCSN) as an ex-officio member of the state council.