



MILITARY INTERSTATE  
CHILDREN'S COMPACT  
COMMISSION

**Maine MIC3 Meeting  
Virtual  
31 January 2024**

FROM: Kristen Ferullo, ISLO – Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

TO: Pender Makin, NH MIC3 Commissioner  
Laura Cyr, NH MIC3 Commissioner Designee  
Commander Jeffrey Smith, USN, DOD MilRep, Maine

SUBJECT: Maine MIC3 Meeting Minutes

1. **PURPOSE:**

Child and Youth Education Services (CYES) execution authority is:

- NDAA, Section 1785 of title 10 United State Code
- OPNAVINST 1700.9 (series)
- Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 6060.4, Youth Programs
- Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 1342.44, Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (MIC3)
- Navy School Liaison Officer Guide, 3 March 2009 Memorandum
- School Based Program Guide, February 2010 Memorandum

2. **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Laura Cyr, ME MIC3 Commissioner Designee  
Sarah Forster, ME DOE Assistant Attorney General  
Eric Waddell, Superintendent, Kittery Public School, ME  
Elizabeth Marcotte, Lead Child & Youth Coordinator, Maine National Guard  
Kristen Ferullo, School Liaison Officer, PNSY  
Melanie Junkins, Military Family Education Liaison

3. **COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jane Durgin, Director of Special Education, Kittery, ME  
BG Douglas A. Farnham, MEANG, Adjutant General, Maine National Guard  
Commander Jeffrey Smith, USN Deputy Commander, Base Operations, PNSY  
Scott Young, Deputy Commissioner, Maine DVEM  
Joseph Baldacci, State Senate, District 9  
Heidi Sampson, Maine State House of Representatives, District 21

4. **INVITED GUESTS:**

5. **Materials:** Agenda (see attached)  
MIC3 Materials  
School Liaison Resources  
MIC3 Strategic Plan 23-25

2023 MIC3 ABM After Action from SL  
ME MIC3 State Law & Resources  
2024 Maine DSLO Priorities

6. **DISCUSSION:**

- a. Welcome & Introductions
- b. Approval of previous meeting minutes 1 November 2022 (virtual)  
\*Did not have quorum and will hold until next meeting for approval.
- c. 2023 MIC3 National Annual Business Meeting Recap
  1. Purpose of ABM is to bring all states together and a mandate of the compact. It is also an opportunity for updates on progress to increase awareness/usage of the Compact and how it supports military families. Blue Star Families voted in as a new Ex-Officio Member. Updated training resources available on website including Monthly MIC3 101 and Videos to post to social media to increase awareness.
    - A. Eric Waddell: Highest population in Maine. Connections for transitions. Updated welcome videos to engage families is a model for all districts and should be shared at the next ABM.
  8. Availability of presentations for ex-officio members and others available on [www.MIC3.net](http://www.MIC3.net)
- d. Maine Legislative Updates
  1. Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO) Priorities
    - A. Military Spouse Employment & Economic Opportunities
      1. LD 2137 Dental & Dental Hygienist Compact
      2. LD 2043 Physician Associates Compact
      3. LD 2140 Social Work Compact
    - B. Child Abuse Identification & Reporting
      1. LD 2095: Proposed in Senate 3 Jan 2024
    - C. Concurrent Juvenile Jurisdiction
      1. LD 2171: Proposed in Senate 18 Jan 2024
  2. Upcoming Legislation in Maine not DSLO related
    - D. Funding for Special Education Services being followed closely by the DOE and we will be updated as movement is made.
- e. Month of the Military Child
  1. Laura will take the Lead on a proclamation from Governor for MOMC. Elizabeth noted previously they requested just for Purple-Up Day but that it does not align with Maine as it fall during school vacation week.
  2. Melanie suggested a campaign for MOMC to highlight school districts and military children in Maine. Would like an invite to the Kittery Garden Dedications. We will work together on what something like this could look like. All agree that we need to increase the awareness of military kids in our State and their needs so that families feel they are supported.
- h. Increasing Engagement
  1. Student involvement. Kristen & Elizabeth will coordinate.
  2. Review Counsel Requirements and ensure we have the correct people

3. Addition of another Superintendent or two: one local and one from Northern Maine
4. Melanie will connect me with USCG Northern New England

- i. Upcoming Meeting @ PNSY with New Hampshire:
  1. Possibly May 6
  2. Laura would like to have some language prepared to continue to work forward with the Purple Star Program. We will work together to see what makes sense and how this can look in the future.
  3. If a joint meeting takes place we would like to invite DSLO and do a brief panel with Military Spouses/Students to increase understanding and hear shared experiences.
  4. An idea share for increasing support also important and we can highlight some positive things that can be done by other districts.
  5. Would an in-person meeting be possible but also have virtual for those who cannot make it (Hybrid): not sure room can support.
- j. Example of Best Practice
  1. HS Student in Kittery that moved in mid-year taking German. School district does not have that as a class but was willing to pay for the student to continue with that class to meet the foreign language requirement. Eric said it is a good practice for all students but that he feels even more flexibility has been learned by having a high number of military kids in the district. He believe in increasing opportunity for student agency in all kids. Melanie noted that as there is currently no World Language Lead at the department that this is good topic for discussion in how we best serve families in Maine.

Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 10:56 am