



Annual MIC3 Report
New Hampshire

June 10, 2022

Dear Executive Director Cherise Imai,

I am honored to submit the 2022 annual report on behalf of the New Hampshire State Council, supporting our students whose parents or guardians are active-duty military.

Over the last year, the Council has remained active in its support of the Compact under Title VIII of the New Hampshire RSAs.

Throughout the last year, the Council has been faced with the impact of Covid-19 on our membership and the responsibilities under our charge. After several postponed meetings, the Council met on May 6, 2022. Council members were provided highlights of the annual business meeting hosted by the National MIC3 organization, including the numerous resources available to schools and families. The Council also received a status update on the inclusion of 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 7,000 – whose parents are members of the National Guard/Reserves. When the Council looked at the data, it was clear that between New Hampshire's population and National Guard/Reserves, the impact was proportional to other areas in the country with a high concentration of military involved families.

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

We are fortunate in New Hampshire to have Major General David J. Mikolaities and SSgt. 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 have made some progress. Special acknowledgement should be given to Concord, Londonderry, and Pinkerton Academy in Derry for their efforts in recognizing students of military families.

This year, we bade farewell to Commander Daniel Ettlich and his family, with gratitude for his support of MIC3 at the Navy Shipyard. We welcome Commander Jeffrey Smith, the new XO at the Shipyard. We all look forward to visiting the base in the near future. The Council was updated on the increase of over 2,000 people hired at the base, including additional military who have been assigned to the Navy Shipyard. In addition to this increase in military families at the Shipyard, we have been informed that 159 Airmen have been assigned to Pease Airforce base for refueling.

The Council has recommended a Tri State meeting (New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont) on August 16 to share the work of their respective Councils.

In addition to the Tri-State meeting, the Council has recommended a renewed effort to provide training to School Superintendents, Principals, Guidance, and other 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 student liaison officer for our students and families. Kristen has been of incredible assistance to the State Council and to me as the State Commissioner.

I am grateful for the years of service that Council members have given to our students and their families across the state, and I am honored to serve as the New Hampshire State Commissioner.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Murphy
NH MIC3 Commissioner