



**TO:** Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3)

**FROM:** Deputy Superintendent of Operations Tim McMurtrey, Commissioner Idaho State MIC3 Council

**DATE:** September 22, 2020

**SUBJECT:** 2020 Annual Report on Idaho MIC3 state Council

**PURPOSE:** To provide an annual report summarizing the state of Idaho’s State Council Activities, to include membership and key points of contact

### **Activities of the State Council**

#### **State Council Annual Meeting** (March 10, 2020; Mountain Home, Idaho)

The first meeting of the Idaho State MIC3 Council convened at the Mountain Home School District Office by Zoom and in Person. MHSD has the highest concentration of military students in the state with the Boise Treasure Valley experiencing an increase of enrollment in military students in their respective schools. Cherise Imai, National Executive Director of the MIC3 presented a PowerPoint on “What is MIC3”. Others in attendance included Representative Lance Clow, House Education Chairman, Representative Bill Gosling, COL. Jamaal E. Mays, Deputy Commander for Support Wing-366 Fighter Wing, MHSD Superintendent James Gilbert, Allen W. Niksch, Military Family Education Liaison, Idaho Commissioner Tim McMurtrey, MHSD Clerk of the Board Sharon Whitman, and Senator Dean Mortimer was represented by his Administrative assistant, Morgan Howard. Commissioner McMurtrey gave a state report and shared two state cases that arose this year. He explained that Idaho has very few issues that may arise during the transition of military students/families moreover, if they do arise, these issues are handled expeditiously with favorable outcomes for both parties. The council discussed next steps and the possibility of adding additional members to the council such as a representative from the Idaho High School Activities Association.

#### **Supporting Legislation**

House Bill 388 adds to and amends existing law to provide for advance enrollment in or registration at a public school or charter school by dependents of military members prior to establishing residency. Passed both the House and Senate and signed by Governor Little. Effective 7/1/2020.

### **MIC3 Annual Conference** (October 22-25, 2019; Colorado Springs, CO)

Idaho State MIC3 Commissioner Tim McMurtrey attended the annual conference and was assigned to the Training and Leadership Nomination Committees. School Liaison Officer Niksch attended representing Idaho. McMurtrey briefed the Idaho State MIC3 Council at the State meeting in March and noted that next year's MIC3 Annual meeting will be in Little Rock, Arkansas in October of 2020. (As a note, COVID-19 has since changed the 2020 Annual Meeting to a virtual one)

### **Month of the Military Child/Purple Up Day April 24, 2020**

Plans were well underway to celebrate both the Month of the Military Child and Purple Up Day however, due to the pandemic, those plans were put on hold.

### **Annual State Dues Assessment**

Idaho has paid the MIC3 FY20 Dues. Idaho currently ranks 34<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states and the District of Columbia in active duty military dependents (2014).

### **Military Student Identifier**

As part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements, the U.S. Department of Education requires school districts to identify students who are armed forces family members. This information is voluntary submission by parents and guardians. Idaho's System for Educational Excellence (ISEE), our K-12 longitudinal data system, includes an identifier to report this information to the state. Idaho's current definition describes a student being identified as military connected if they are a dependent of at least one Active Duty member (parent or guardian) of the United States Armed Forces military services. Idaho continues to promote the importance of this data collection to public schools and districts.

### **State Council Membership**

As required by Idaho Code 33-5701 the following membership includes:

- Sherri Ybarra, State Superintendent, Idaho Department of Education
- Allen W. Nicksich, Military Family Education Liaison
- COL. Jamaal E. Mays, Deputy Commander for Support Wing-366 Fighter Wing, Military/Dod Representative
- Tim McMurtrey, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Idaho State Department of Education
- Dean Mortimer, Chairman Senate Education Committee
- Representative Lance Clow, Chairman House Education Committee
- James Gilbert, Superintendent, Mountain Home School District

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