

Military Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Florida Council Meeting Agenda

October 13, 2023

10:00 am ET

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TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:00-10:03	Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call 	Damera Hopkins, School Counseling Consultant/Military Lead Contact
10:03-10:07	Welcome	Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Improvement
10:07-10:17	Message from the Compact Commissioner	Col. Terrance J. McCaffrey, USAF (Ret), Florida Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)
10:17-10:20	Welcome Newly Appointed Military Family Education Liaison	Lisa Hill, Military Family Education Liaison
10:20-10:25	Military Veterans' Certification Pathway	Michelle Gaines, Chief, Bureau of Educator Certification
10:25-10:30	Florida Virtual School (FLVS) Military Students	Teresa Umstead, Advocacy Specialist, Governmental Affairs Florida Virtual School
10:30-10:35	Purple Star Schools of Distinction Update	Andria Cole, Chief Bureau of Family and Community Outreach
10:35-10:42	Purple Star School of Distinction Reflection	Jennifer Collins, Supervisor, School Improvement and Leadership Development, Clay County School District
10:42-10:47	Updates from the National Office	Cherise Imai, MIC3 Executive Director
10:47-10:52	Updates from School Liaison Officers	
10:52-11:00	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Comments/Questions 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call was taken by Damera Hopkins as attendees joined the meeting. 		
10:03-10:07	Welcome	Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Improvement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Aune reviewed the agenda, which was shared via the meeting invitation. 		
10:07-10:17	Message from the Compact Commissioner	Col. Terrance J. McCaffrey, USAF (Ret), Florida Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner McCaffery welcomed the newly appointed Military Family Education Liaison Lisa Hill. Commissioner thanked everyone who registered for the Military Compact 101 training. The training will take place right after this meeting starting at 11:15 am. Currently, we currently have 50 participants who have registered so far. If interested there is still time to sign up and you can reach out to Damera for the information. Last month, Commissioner McCaffery attended the National MIC 3101 in Utah and attended the Finance Committee meeting. The next meeting will be Nov. 7&8 in Richmond Virginia. 		
10:17-10:20	Welcome Newly Appointed Military Family Education Liaison	Lisa Hill, Military Family Education Liaison
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa Hill introduced herself as the newly appointed Military Family Education Liaison. Mrs. Hill shared attending University of Central Florida and is married to veteran. She has spent many years caring for families, mentoring and assisting spouses of military service members. Mrs. Hill currently handles administration for her husband's defense consulting business. She also volunteers with Emerald Coast Hospice and is a substitute for the Okaloosa School District. Mrs. Hill is honored and is looking forward to continuing the great work on behalf of military families. 		
10:20-10:25	Military Veterans' Certification Pathway	Michelle Gaines, Chief, Bureau of Educator Certification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Gaines shares the Bureau of Educator Certification website to military. It is broken down into five subsets. This provides the requirements and qualifications to participate in this pathway. https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/military/cert-pathway.shtml Note: 720 applicants. There are some requirements they must meet, for example they must be honorable discharge with a DD 214 that must be submitted. Also, must have four years of active duty. They do not have to have a bachelor's degree but must have at least 60hrs of college credit. They must pass the subject area exam. They can choose any subject area exam; however they will need to have bachelor's degree for ESE. If they meet all the requirements and pass the exam, they will be eligible to take this pathway. Currently the Certification office has a total of 42 issued certificates and a total of 25 school districts. 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spouses of military veterans has reached out and is also interested in this pathway. This pathway is only for military veterans; however, the spouses can take advantage of the military waver to wave the fees of the certification exam and/or certification. The Office of Certification is also working very closely with Troops for Teachers to make sure they assist if questions arise. They work on a lot of external partnerships to support the military veterans with this pathway. 		
10:25-10:30	Florida Virtual School (FLVS) Military Students	Teresa Umstead, Advocacy Specialist, Governmental Affairs Florida Virtual School Melanie Bostick Director of External Affairs at Florida Virtual School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last year House Bill 1597 was passed allowing students of military families to be able to take their state assessments out of state where they're located at their military base or military city location. This came through the department through a student who was stationed in San Diego and had an issue of getting back and forth to Florida to take their required state assessments. This student reached out to legislators in her local district as well as FLVS. The Governor signed the bill into law July 1. This affects all full- time students. It is encouraged that the military SLO's share this information to their regions. 		
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