

MIC3 Rhode Island FY2024 End-of-Year Report

State Council Members

- Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent, Middletown Public Schools
- Angela Infante-Green, Commissioner of Education, Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Andy Andrade, Commissioner Support, Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Senator Lou DiPalma, Rhode Island State Senate
- Colleen Burns Jermain, Superintendent, Newport Public Schools
- Thomas Kenworthy, Portsmouth Public Schools
- Kenneth Duva, Superintendent, Jamestown Public Schools
- Jamoya Ridgell, School Community Specialist
- CAPT Henry M. Roenke, Installation Commander, Naval Station Newport, Newport, RI, Military Representative
- Pamela Martin, Navy School Liaison, Naval Station Newport

Meeting Dates

 Due to several unforeseen circumstances, the council was not able to meet, however they will meet in September 2024.

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Past Year Highlights

- Our military-impacted schools celebrated the Month of the Military Child in April 2024 by holding special events and recognitions for military children and families. In the Middletown Schools, a letter was sent home to families recognizing our military that month, which was posted on the district website and as a Letter to the Editor in the local papers. The Portsmouth Public Schools planted a tree to mark Month of the Military Child, while Jamestown Public Schools conducted a formal flag raising ceremony dedicated to our military children. The Sakonnet Bridge was also lit in purple to mark Month of the Military Child on April 20th.
- We continue to conduct training on the Compact rules and regulations in our military-impacted districts. MIC3 Newsletters are sent to all the Rhode Island State Council members.
- MIC3 information is disseminated to the Middletown, Portsmouth, Newport, and Jamestown school districts, and is also shared by the School Liaison whenever a military family seeks to enroll in districts further from the Installation.
- Our Navy School Liaison, Pamela Martin, informs and assists military families transitioning in and out of Rhode Island. She works with schools to resolve cases and issues as they arise.
- Although a small state, we are well-connected and continually communicate with our state military leaders to ensure we support schools and families.
- Commissioner Kraeger briefed Naval Station Newport's new Commanding Officer, CAPT Henry Roenke, in January on the Compact. In April, CAPT Roenke presented Commissioner Kraeger with an American flag that flew over the base and a letter of commendation to mark her retirement as the Superintendent of Middletown Public Schools.

Submitted by, Rosemarie Kraeger Rhode Island Commissioner