

# North Dakota Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)

Tuesday, 22 Dec 2022 | 1100 - 1200 | Microsoft Teams

Attendance					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kirsten Baesler (State Supt)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gen Jackie Huber (NDNG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Karen Karls
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Vollmer (Minot Supt)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maj. Jay Sheldon (NDNG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Davina French
<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry Brenner (Grand Forks Supt)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Col Gregory Mayer (5 <sup>th</sup> MSG, Minot)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jen Anderson (DPI Comms)
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joy Smith (Minot SLO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Snow
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Col David Castor (319 MSG, GF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lexi Holsey (Grand Forks SLO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Approval of Minutes					
Old Business					
New Business					
<p><b>Legislative Update (Kirsten/Steve)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposed Bill Draft would remove restrictions in ND Century Code that prevent public-school districts from allowing students to attend virtually if impacted by a military move. The idea is to let schools (not the military move dates) dictate a good transition time for students. The bill allows NDDPI to reimburse school districts for these military connected students while they are attending virtually as though they were in-person</li> <li>- Discussion of how this would impact elementary vs secondary students and eligibility in extracurricular activities; this can be decided by the district school board if they decide to allow virtual attendance by military connected students</li> </ul> <p><b>Purple Star Program (Steve)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Three applications so far (Steve will organize an approval sub-committee to review application)</li> <li>- SLOs have done a great job marketing the program to the schools they support</li> <li>- We need to include focus on National Guard connected students (not just Active Duty connected students)</li> </ul> <p>Month of Military Child vs. Purple Star program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Month of Military Child is statewide program / Purple Star Program is a local (school based) program</li> <li>- Discussed ways to get AF Base representation at Governor's Month of Military Child declaration (usually at state capital)</li> <li>- Grand Forks School District could transport students from their location to the capital (if needed)</li> </ul>					

### **National MIC3 information (Davina)**

- The National MIC3 wants to add fees for military connected students of National Guard members; the National MIC3 believe the current base SLOs would provide support to National Guard connected students
- There are some wording corrections needed in the national compact; they see the need for separate 'housekeeping' rules
- The Strategic Plan was discussed and the need to improve the use of technology and communications

### **Military SLO Update (Joy /Lexi)**

Since the School Liaison Office (SLO) are on the 'front lines', we asked them what challenges the military-connected students and their families face

- MIC3 Designated Challenges or Trends
  - (SEC.5.104) Placement Flexibility
  - (SEC.5.103) Special Education Services for Pre-Kindergarten
  - (SEC.3.101) Eligibility for Transfer and Enrollment
- Educational Challenges or Trends facing military connected students  
Military-connected secondary students moving into a location have trouble being put into the correct classes or satisfying graduation requirements
- Availability of Pre-Kindergarten or Preschool Programs  
There is a lack of PreK or PreSchool programs  
Supt Baesler (ND DPI) and Commissioner Chris Jones (ND HHS) meet routinely to discuss the issues  
The lack of quality early childhood programs also has an impact on the labor pool (qualified employees elect to pull out of the workforce in order take care of smaller children)  
The lack of early childhood programs also has a negative effect on the military base rankings
- Access to advanced coursework for Secondary Students
- Staff shortages impacting student services
- A great resource for students is the Bloom website.  
[Bloom \(bloommilitaryteens.org\)](http://Bloom (bloommilitaryteens.org))  
It is a blog site set up by secondary students to express their feelings and write about their experiences.  
It allows students to feel connected to others facing the unique stressors of being a military connected student

### **Other Business?**

### **Next Meeting**

Steve will send out Doodle poll for a meeting in the May/June timeframe