

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

Thursday, 04 Jan 2024 | 1300 - 1500 | Microsoft Teams

Attendance					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kirsten Baesler (State Supt)	<input type="checkbox"/>	LtC. Jay Sheldon (NDNG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rep. Karen Karls (State Legislator)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Vollmer (Minot Supt)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Davina French (Commissioner)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry Brenner (Grand Forks Supt)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Col Jerry Ottinger (5 th MSG, Minot)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Odell (DPI Comms)
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joy-Nicole Smith (Minot SLO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Steve Snow
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Bartholomey (5 th MSG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Col David Castor (319 MSG, GF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Schroeder (Grand Forks SLO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Approval of Minutes					
no minutes to approve					
Old Business					
New Business					
<p>National MIC3 information (Davina and Joy)</p> <p>Annual Business Meeting held in Richmond, VA 8-9 November</p> <p>\$2,842 total cost - North Dakota dues are DUE. \$43,000 short - proposed for a "Virtual" next year. Additional funds used for legal fees. (Did not approve budget, more research and new proposal.)</p> <p>Beginning with FY 2020, the dues formula shall be based on the figure of one dollar and fifteen cents per child (\$1.15) of military families eligible for transfer under this compact, and this calculation shall be based upon the State in which each military family resides</p> <p>PROPOSED RULES AMENDMENT MIC3 Rules: Chapter 100 – Definitions SEC. 101 Definitions (w) “Uniformed Service(s)” means: the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Services. <i>MIC3 added Space Force</i></p> <p>Proposed rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted by majority vote of the members of the Interstate Commission in the following manner: (a) Proposing new rules and amendments to existing rules shall be submitted to the Interstate Commission office no later than February 28 of the current fiscal year for referral to the Rules Committee as follows:</p>					

PROPOSED RULE MIC3 Rules: Chapter 700- Oversight, Enforcement, and Dispute Resolution SEC. 7.106
Escalation and Reporting of Disputes (a) Escalation of Disputes

- (1) Upon becoming aware of any complaint or dispute arising under the Compact, any Commissioner, State Council member, or other interested person may notify the Executive Director of the facts and circumstances giving rise to the dispute or controversy. Upon receiving notice of such a complaint or dispute, the Executive Director shall create and maintain an administrative file for the dispute, and forward copies of the complaint and administrative file to the Commissioner for the State where the dispute originated.
- (2) The Executive Director and any relevant Commissioners shall make all necessary efforts in good faith to resolve any disputes arising under the Compact. At the discretion of the Executive Director, an ongoing dispute shall be issued one of the following designations:
 - i. **Level One**- The Executive Director and Compact Commissioners continue to work cooperatively to achieve Compact compliance.
 - ii. **Level Two**- The Executive Director may consult with other members of the Commission, including its standing committees.
 - iii. **Level Three**- The Executive Director may refer the matter to the Chair of the Compliance Committee. iv. **Level Four**- The Executive Director and the Chair of the Compliance Committee may refer the matter to the Executive Committee for the consideration of an enforcement action.

Case and Inquiry Report (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

Note: A majority of the compact cases and inquiries are resolved at the state, district, and school levels.

North Dakota has NO National Level Issues

Purple Up! and Month of the Military Child April 17, 2024

Purple Star School Initiatives

WEBSITE & RESOURCES

- Virtual training calendar (posted)
- Webinars
- Toolkits: Parents, schools, commissioners, state councils; Purple Up!; Training Portal
- Order guides, brochures, and rulebooks
- Downloadable posters and one-pagers
- State pages: commissioner and school liaison information

Joy-Nicole Smith pointed out how the Department of Defense School Liaisons take advantage of the national meetings to collaborate to find best practices and look at some of the trends across the different military branches and brainstorm ways to support military connected students and their families.

3 schools at the Minot AFB were officially awarded the North Dakota Purple Star Award on Jan 09.

- Superintendent Baesler and her team traveled to Minot AFB and presented the awards with Minot AFB and school officials.
- Dakota Elementary, Memorial Middle School, and North Plains Elementary received the award
- Twinning Elem (Grand Forks) has also received the North Dakota Purple Star Award.

Some areas of concern at the national level:

- State support for military families with special education needs
- Universal pre-kindergarten and child care availability
- Recruitment and retention of educators

Recent Legislation impacting military connected students:

- HB 1132 – Allows students to attend virtually within a school year either prior to arriving or after leaving because of a military move.
- SB 2205 – ND adopts the psychology interjurisdictional compact.

Military SLO Update (Joy / Jennifer):

One inquiry from parents at Grand Forks

- Parents are retiring and moving and wanted to know if their student could complete their education virtually in Grand Forks
- Student is currently a junior
- Because the family is making a choice to retire it falls outside the MIC3 compact
- HB 1132 would allow the student to attend virtually, but only within the current school year; the student would need to take classes extending into the next school year to complete graduation

Updates from ND National Guard (LtC Sheldon):

- We are beginning to plan this years Month of the Military Child
- It will be in Minot this year (we'd like to alternate between Minot, Grand Forks and Fargo during non-legislative years and at Bismarck during legislative years)
- Lt Governor will sign the proclamation at Minot AFB
- We are going to use the hashtag 'PurpleUpND' to group celebrations across the state

Other Business:

Last March, through the office of Local Defense Community Corporation, Grand Forks was invited to come to Virginia and talk to them about opportunities to ask for some grant funding for either repair or build a new school on Grand Forks Air Force Base.

They were able to find that in the Grand Forks Public School District budget to move ahead with the design and we've applied for the federal funding for the rest of the design portion so that the architects can start their work on building the design and and our hope is that we have a good design in time for the January 25 legislative session so that we can get at least some of that money from the legislature.

Dr Vollmer (Superintendent at Minot School District) is retiring and will be replaced on the MIC3 with the new district superintendent. His expertise and vast experience will be missed.

Tasks:

- Steve will update the DPI site compiling resources/info for military connected students to include MIC3 resources to reenergize the board (virtual training, webinars, toolkits) and to make a one-stop shop for military connected families.

Next Meeting

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