



### North Carolina End-of-Year Report 2023-24

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The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following:: Mrs. Catherine Truitt, Superintendent of Public Instruction-Dr. Angie Mullennix (Superintendent's Designee) Mr. Nick Sojka, Commissioner (Executive Branch Appointment) Mr. Donnie Loftis, Chairman (Senate Appointment) Rep. Erin Pare (House of Representatives Appointment) Dr. Aaron Fleming, Superintendent, Harnett County Schools Jamie Livengood, Student & Family Support Coordinator, Wayne County Public Schools Mr. Bill Lanier, Member of the Onslow County Board of Education (NC Schools Boards Association Representative)

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Accomplishments: - The State Council supported the continued growth of the Purple Star Program across the State, and not just in the districts adjacent to military installations. Since the Council began its support of the Program in 2020, North Carolina is up to 403 Purple Star awarded schools and 26 school districts where all schools have received the Purple Star Award. ([https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kSjgmtJ-56QdoPj2z2YVlj\\_uS1y3JX3WTpuMsC1pMaY/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kSjgmtJ-56QdoPj2z2YVlj_uS1y3JX3WTpuMsC1pMaY/edit?usp=drive_link))

Activities: - The Commissioner and state department staff developed a statewide MIC3 communications plan. - The State Council met on October 26, 2023, and February 20, 2024, and has all the statutorily required council members in place for the first time since 2020. October 26, 2023 Agenda: ([https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wk\\_sLBT00KaZ2heJ6-2uDGJ6ycwuxrSM2z43ercSSTk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wk_sLBT00KaZ2heJ6-2uDGJ6ycwuxrSM2z43ercSSTk/edit?usp=sharing)) October 26, 2023 Slide Deck: (<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1U7XTwCdZljN3SDoXzY5UF9C1kTS63-Hn/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=110716650034622184887&rtopf=true&sd=true>) October 26, 2023 Minutes: (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fwm1gjm9dn3ykEOL6qS4MwK78eUp0hKkbSJT3B2ynaw/edit?usp=sharing>) February 20, 2024 Agenda: (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m7YuHoBlhXohwW7MpOQOgubZLn5UkxbYicThopWP3A/edit?usp=sharing>) February 20, 2024 Slide Deck:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/15Px2Mil2Zmo\\_WlvOU4AVnKGTGx0t7HuT/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=110716650034622184887&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/15Px2Mil2Zmo_WlvOU4AVnKGTGx0t7HuT/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=110716650034622184887&rtpof=true&sd=true)

February 20, 2024 Minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jF15xCqCvje6z4ynYS5zZt886VNV4utD9rQ427hQuMQ/edit?usp=sharing>

- The Commissioner attended the statewide Purple Star Award ceremony hosted by the state department on May 9, 2024.

Presentations:

- The Commissioner presented on MIC3 and the role of the State Council at the North Carolina School Boards Association annual meeting on November 14, 2023.

PowerPoint Presentation: ([https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1wSROJ5gtTBLXEBAXaoKwFGdIs-fZ6scC/edit?usp=drive\\_link&ouid=110716650034622184887&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1wSROJ5gtTBLXEBAXaoKwFGdIs-fZ6scC/edit?usp=drive_link&ouid=110716650034622184887&rtpof=true&sd=true))