



**KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL  
MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN'S COMPACT COMMISSION**

**Minutes**

November 26, 2018 1:00PM EST  
Kentucky State Capitol

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

COL (R) M. Blaine Hedges, Commissioner, Kentucky State Council

Called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Introductions of those in attendance

**2. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Quorum was met. Minutes were approved as presented.

**3. NATIONAL OVERVIEW OF MIC3**

Cherise Imai, National Executive Director for the MIC3

The HQ is based in Lexington, three staff. In the third year of the strategic plan. The national office tracks cases from all of the states to see if there are trends that need to be addressed. We are here to support you.

**4. STATE OVERVIEW OF MIC3**

Tracy Goff-Herman, Policy Advisor, Division of Learning Services, Office of Teaching and Learning, Ky. Dept. of Education

The main things the department has been working on: The reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. One of the provisions is that the department worked on was the "military identifier." Voluntary identifier. Last year was the first year of data that we collected. I have some preliminary numbers to share: In 2017 it was 1,033 students. This year we have 1,333, based on more effort to collect. We aren't sure what the possible total number is.

Col. Hedges: We pay MIC3 dues based on the number of students, and we just paid based on 8,268.

Tracy: The MIC3 number comes from the Defense Manpower Data Center. We haven't captured all of them, and they are not all in public school.

Discussion: Some reluctance by parents to report is based on privacy and safety concerns.

## Case study – Col. Hedges

Examined a case that the KY commission handled in 2018. There was a problem with a student not receiving high school math credits at a DODEA school for advanced work done in middle school in another state.

Discussion: Normally there is a process to cover this. It was resolved, but the onus to test out was placed on the student. Sometimes the federal schools operate under different rules. The compact has a MOA with the Department of Defense, so all of the provisions apply to DODEA schools as well, stateside and abroad.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

None

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

Annual meeting overview

Most military leaders are unaware of MIC3. How can we help solve this?

MIC3 education

One solution: Add a MIC3 brief to the in-processing and out-processing at installations where leaders meet a School Liaison Officer (SLO)

Brenda Weatherington: I do brief the in-comers brief at Fort Knox

Discussion: May not be happening at Fort Campbell

MIC3 Student Dues Assessment increase

Col. Hedges: I was opposed to the dues increase at the MIC3 national meeting (from \$1 per student to \$1.15), based on the timing and our state budget cycle. I got outvoted, and now we'll figure out how to get the money.

Military recognition days

KCMA staff compiled a list of recognition days, many that apply to military families. We wouldn't expect the schools to recognize all of these days, but maybe the military school communities could focus on some.

"Purple Up" campaign, 2019

We tried to get this off the ground from the KCMA office in 2018, but we did not reach out to get support from other stakeholders. In the future, this recognition day/month could have a good impact, but it will work better if it is a broader effort

Commissioner Lewis: I like the idea of the Month of the Military Child. Our department could support that and get the word out.

## 7. OPEN DISCUSSION

Grants – at the national meeting there was discussion about grants available to counties that are adjacent to military installations. Fort Campbell and Fort Knox are

well aware of the DODEA grants, and have benefitted from them. The count on how many military children are in the population is important, so accurate counts help.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

December, 2019

**9. ADJOURN**

Adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

**10. PHOTO**



Left to right: Susie Hartline, Christian County Schools; Col. (Ret.) Blaine Hedges; Rep. Myron Dossett; Commissioner Wayne Lewis, KDE; Bryan Lewis, Hardin County Schools; Brenda Weatherington, Fort Knox School Liaison Officer; Tracy Goff-Herman, KDE.