

**West Virginia Council for the Interstate Compact
Educational Opportunity for Military Children
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2023**

Meeting Attendees:

Phillip Cantrell (State Council Member)
David Roach (State Council Member)
Brittany Watson (State Council Member)
Ryan Saxe (State Council Member)– via TEAMS

Chris Hendrix (DOD Representative)– via TEAMS
Robert Mellace (State Council Member)
Electa Crowder (not a State Council Member)

- **Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions**
 - Mr. Mellace welcomed everyone to the meeting and conducted introductions
- **Approval of Agenda/Minutes and Remarks from the State Compact Commissioner**
 - Mr. Cantrell ask for a motion to approve the previous meeting's (5/20/22) minutes
 - David Roach made the motion
 - Brittany Watson seconded the motion
 - Motion was carried
 - Mr. Cantrell ask for a motion to approve the January 17, 2023 meeting agenda
 - David Roach made the motion
 - Brittany Watson seconded the motion
 - Motion was carried
 - Mr. Cantrell provided opening comments
- **Remarks from the State Superintendent of Schools**
 - Superintendent Roach's commended the council for all they do not only for military children but all children. He expressed appreciation for first responders and military members. He noted the partnership with the WVDE has an ongoing vision including all parties involved making sure military members know their children and all children are taken care of. He ended by saying we (the WVDE) is ready and willing to do anything to help.
- **WVBE Goals, Agency Relationship Map**
 - Mr. Mellace shared
 - Career readiness goals of the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) and the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) including the 3Es; Education, Employment, or Enlistment.
 - Emphasis on reading, writing, and mathematics - Ready, Read, Write Campaign
 - Agency Relationship Map – document that shows the activities of the WVDE, WVNG, and WVDVA and how they are related and working for the betterment of West Virginia.
- **Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Overview**
 - Mr. Mellace shared the following information
 - Summary Information
 - MIC3 was developed in 2006 and adopted by all 50 states. It is in WV State Code. The Compact eases the educational challenges that military children encounter and supports uniform treatment as they transfer between school districts. The Compact only applies to public schools.
 - Compact Quick Fact Guide available

- Importance of MIC3 in WV
 - Military children transition between 6-9 times during K-12. The Compact provides military members assurance that their children will have smooth transition between public schools.
 - West Virginia's Approach
 - Annual State Superintendent's update message
 - Development of a brochure and guidance document
 - WV Common Ground Partnership Activities
 - National Annual Business Meeting Update
 - Mr. Mellace reported on MIC3 Annual Business Meeting Updates
 - Expansion of the Compact to additional NG and Reserve soldiers – denied
 - Technical Correction to existing MIC3 Compact language in 50 states discussed
 - Procedural votes on national strategic plan, rules, amendments, etc.
 - Other topics discussed included identification of military connected children and record keeping and requests at the national office
 - West Virginia Case Update
 - FY 2020 – 1 case
 - FY 2021 - 0 cases
 - FY 2022 – 0 cases (1 inquiry)
 - FY 2023 to date – 0 cases
- **Common Ground Partnership Overview**
 - Supports MIC3
 - 19 partnering organizations (Wright, Patterson Air Force Base and Martinsburg VA Hospital have reached out to see about joining the Partnership.)
 - Online resources
 - Purple Star Award and Purple Star Informer
 - Online Educator Request System for the Speaker Series
 - Military Signing Week
- **Additional Supports for Military Families**
 - Collaboration with Communities in Schools
 - Care Packages for Elementary School Staff with Military Connected Children – lesson plans being developed, approximately 20 requested
 - Request System for ASAVAB Mentors – coming in early 2023 – partnership between Military Partners, Communities in Schools, and WV Adult Education
 - WVDE/WVU STEAM TAC promoting the Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education Program, Navy talent Acquisition Group Pittsburg, WV National Guard various STEAM Kits and resources
 - Veteran Teacher Recruitment – TeachWV website – resources for veterans and their spouses
- **Roundtable Discussion on MIC3 and Additional Supports for Military Families**
 - Mr. Cantrell express that the WVDE and National Guard work well together. Major General Crane is supportive of anything the National Guard can do to support education. That support is two-fold from the National Guard, they want to help our children, but they also want the best and the brightest to join the military. They realize that military members may not know how to inject themselves into schools properly and there may be some missed opportunities for support. He is open to ideas on how we can do better. He commended Mr. Mellace for his presentation.
 - Superintendent Roach reciprocated the positive relationship between the National Guard and the WVDE. And reiterated that if there is anything the WVDE can do to assist the National Guard's efforts they would be happy to do so.
 - Dr. Saxe, Cabell County Schools Superintendent, shared participating in this partnership was a positive experience.
- Meeting was adjourned