

West Virginia End of Year Summary (FY 2022)

State Council membership roster:

MIC3 Compact Commissioner:

Mr. Phillip Cantrell

State Council Members:

State Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Clayton Burch

Superintendent of Cabell County Schools

Mr. Ryan Saxe

West Virginia Senate

Mr. Ryan R. Weld

West Virginia House of Delegates

Mr. Bill Anderson

An individual representing the executive branch of government, appointed by the Governor

Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance

Mr. Edward A. Diaz

An individual representing a military installation in this state appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate

CPT Brittany Watson

Coordinator and Military Family Education Liaison

Mr. Robert P. Mellace III

DOD Representative:

NRMA Regional School Liaison

Chris Hendrix

The FY 2022 meeting of the State Council occurred on 5/20/2022 and included the following participants from the State Council:

Mr. Phillip Cantrell

Mr. Ryan Saxe

CPT Brittany Watson

Mr. Robert P. Mellace III

Mr. Edward A. Diaz

DOD Representative Chris Hendrix was also in attendance at the FY 2022 meeting. All participants are listed on the meeting minutes.

Identify and/or confirm at least two points of contact for the member state:

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AND

Mr. Robert P. Mellace III

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Summary of accomplishments, activities and presentations from the previous year:

An online meeting was held on 5/20/2022 via Microsoft Teams for State Council members who were in attendance and the DOD Representative. State Commissioner Mr. Phillip Cantrell participated, providing information about the Compact at the meeting. A meeting agenda and PowerPoint presentation is now available for review on the WVDE's MIC3 website at <https://wvde.us/certification/military-partnerships->

[common-ground/military-interstate-childrens-compact-commission-mic3/](https://www.common-ground.org/military-interstate-childrens-compact-commission-mic3/). Meeting minutes are available by e-mail.

Information about a West Virginia specific MIC3 Professional Development Opportunity was distributed to all 55 County Superintendents via e-mail as part of a State Superintendent's update on February 21, 2022. The WVDE has sent a message with information about MIC3 in the State Superintendent's update annually since 2015.

Information about MIC3 is being provided as part of required training for military family point of contacts of Purple Star Award activities. The application for the Purple Star Award was released on April 15, 2021, and two classes of the Purple Star Award were announced during FY 2022. In the future, these awards will be announced annually to recognize military friendly schools and a training solely focused on MIC3 will become a mandatory part of the application process for the Purple Star Award. Mr. Phillip Cantrell, Mr. Robert Mellace and Mrs. Lindsey Dablow collaborated this year to provide an MIC3 webinar for West Virginia educators which occurred on February 28, 2022, at 3:00pm and a video of the training may be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AxPs7uCp68>. There were over 50 participants who registered for the live training session and others have reviewed the training video since the meeting has concluded.

Information about MIC3 is included on the Common Ground Partnership's website and has become an integral part of the group's activities. This year, the Common Ground Partnership promoted a speaker series, the Purple Star Award and the state's inaugural Military Signing Week, which have all led to educators, students and military families becoming better informed about supportive resources. The West Virginia Board of Education issued an updated [resolution](#) recognizing April as Purple Up Month and supports for military children and their families during their April 13, 2022, meeting. To learn more about MIC3 related activities in West Virginia, please contact Mr. Robert P. Mellace III at rmellace@k12.wv.us.