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Dear Governor Sununu:

Annually, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Council reports to your office an update of the Council's activities as well as the work that is done to represent New Hampshire's students whose family members are on active duty.

Like every organization many of our activities were curtailed by COVID 19 and limited some of the work and initiatives that we expected to accomplish this year. The latest data indicates that nearly 700 New Hampshire students have a family member on active duty. A number of these students have been to 6 to 8 schools by the time they enter high school. I am pleased to report that many of the concerns or questions by family members have been solved at the school and district level. The school districts have followed all of the requirements as laid out in the title VIII rules adopted by the state in 2014.

This year we had several new members. We are pleased to welcome Captain Daniel Ettlich, Commanding Officer at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Amy Cook from the DHHS Office, Skip Haley a program Specialist from the NH DoE, Elizabeth Peabody Concord School District Counselor and Kyle Repucci, Superintendent of Schools in Rochester. I have attached a list of Council members for the record.

The Council continues to focus on the needs of our students whose parents are on active duty and those students whose parents or guardians are active duty in the National Guard or Reserves. It is important to add that the National MIC3 Council is also developing a plan to support deployed National Guard & Reserves on active duty.

The MIC3 Council was invited by Captain Ettlich to host the annual meeting at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on March 13th. I have attached the agenda of the meeting for your review. Members were updated on the programs and services available to students and school staff to support military connected students. A brief was also presented to highlight the opportunities for engagement in STEM programming through the PNSY Outreach Program and a comprehensive Apprenticeship Program.

In order to meet the requirements as outlined by the Title 8 rules we are requesting a member to represent the Executive Office. In addition we have a vacancy representing Home School students.

Each year I am honored to represent NH at the annual MIC3 Business meeting. The last meeting was held in Colorado Springs with a special visit to the Air Force Academy. I also presented two sessions with the Commissioner from Rhode Island on Running an Effective State Council. The 2020 Annual Business Meeting took place virtually on October 1-2 where I participated in a powerful panel discussion on "Modern Issues Impacting Military Families" where we presented ideas and best practices on our work as an educational community on inclusion and proper representation of all students in our schools.

The NH MIC3 Council looks forward to servicing students of active military parents and guardians while continuing to bring forth the issues facing military students to our statewide educational community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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