



January 7, 2021

Dear State Commissioners and Ex-Officio Members,

Military-connected families and children make many sacrifices to serve and protect our country. While the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) focus is on education, the Commission supports all aspects of military-connected families. In April, MIC3 – along with many other organizations, non-profits, and public entities – will celebrate the important role of military children while their service member parents are serving the nation. Across the nation, states, communities, and schools celebrate this month in various ways, including wearing the color **purple**. This year, the Commission has selected **Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** as our official **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”** day.

As a Compact Commissioner, our role is vital to supporting military families and children and we ask that you:

1. Help coordinate and/or support a gubernatorial proclamation designating *April as the Month of the Military Child*.
2. Help coordinate and/or support a letter or memorandum from your State Superintendent or Commissioner on Education to local school districts encouraging coordination of district or school events.
3. Attend or help plan an event celebrating **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”**.
4. Post on social media by tagging **#MIC3Compact** and **#purpleup4militarykids**

With the ongoing impact of COVID-19, many schools may be in non-traditional or remote learning, and we encourage you to be creative with your virtual events and celebrations. Additional information and resources can be found in the **Purple Up! Toolkit** or website: <https://www.mic3.net/motmc.html>

Lastly, please inform the National Office of your state's **Purple Up!** and Month of the Military Child endeavors by sending a copy of your letter, press release, event photos, or any related information to [mic3info@csg.org](mailto:mic3info@csg.org).

The Commission supports *successful educational transitions by doing the right thing for children, resolving issues fairly, respect for all, transparency in all we do, and commitment to making a difference*. Please help thank our military children for their strength and sacrifice by supporting **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”** – they deserve our support!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John I. Kaminar'.

John I. “Don” Kaminar  
Chairman and Arkansas Commissioner

**Did You Know?** According to the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) Active Duty Family Report, as of July 2020, there were 1,001,559 military-connected children aged 5-18 years old in the U.S.