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Dear (State Council Member):

Military members and families sacrifice for the security and safety of our nation, specifically military children during their K-12 careers. In April, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) – along with many other organizations, non-profits, and public entities – will celebrate the important role of military children. Across the nation, states, communities, and schools celebrate in various ways, including wearing the color **purple**. This year, the Commission has selected **Wednesday, April 21st** as our official **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”** day.

As a member of (state name)'s State Council, supporting military children in public schools throughout our state, we oversee the military compact administration and ensure compliance under the rules and regulations of the Compact. I ask for your support in April for **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”** by:

1. Coordinating a month or day within your respective organizations
2. Promoting support through your communication channels (website, newsletters, media), State Council, stakeholders, and partners by tagging **#MIC3Compact** and **#purpleup4militarykids**
3. Coordinating and/or supporting a gubernatorial proclamation designating *April as the Month of the Military Child*
4. Attending a school district or school level event

With the ongoing impact of COVID-19, many schools may be in non-traditional or remote learning, and we encourage you to be creative on virtual events and celebrations. Additional information and resources can be found in the **Purple Up! Toolkit** or website:

<https://www.mic3.net/motmc.html>

Should you have any questions on the Compact, please contact me at (phone and email info) or visit www.mic3.net.

(State name) is committed to military children and providing a high-quality education for all students in our public schools. Please join me in thanking our military children for their strength and sacrifice by supporting **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”** this month – they deserve our support!

Sincerely yours,

(State Commissioner name)

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.