

(Place on Appropriate Letterhead)

(Date)

Dear (School District Superintendents):

Military members and military-connected families make many sacrifices for the security and safety of our nation, specifically military-connected children during their K-12 careers. April is designated as the *Month of the Military Child* or “**Purple Up! For Military Kids**”. Across the nation, states and school districts will celebrate the important role military children play while their service member parents serve our country through special events and wearing the color **purple**.

(State) is a member of the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3) – that includes the 50 states, District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools – which addresses the key educational transition issues encountered by military-connected students.

As educators, we are committed to children and providing a high-quality education for all students in public schools. I ask for your support in April for “**Purple Up! For Military Kids**” by:

1. Coordinating a district-wide month or day and promotion through your communication channels (website, newsletters, media), stakeholders, and partners, by tagging **#MIC3Compact** and **#purpleup4militarykids**
2. Drafting a letter or memorandum to your schools encouraging them to consider sponsoring an activity
3. Attending a district or school event celebrating “**Purple Up! For Military Kids**”

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>

Lastly, (Commissioner name), (state name)’s Compact Commissioner, oversees the military compact administration in our state and ensures compliance under the rules and regulations. Please inform them of any district or school level promotion. For more information on the compact, please contact (him/her) directly at (phone and email info) or visit www.mic3.net.

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 Superintendent or Commissioner of Education)

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.