



MILITARY INTERSTATE  
CHILDREN'S COMPACT  
COMMISSION

## Note from the Commission Chair

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Dear State Commissioners and Ex-officio Members,

Thank you for your attendance at the 2020 Annual Business Meeting. We accomplished what we needed to, even with the challenges of holding the meeting through web-based conferencing. On behalf of Vice Chair Laura Anastasio and Treasurer Craig Neuenswander, we appreciate your confidence in us to help lead the Commission for another year.



We have a lot of work ahead of us. We've made progress in fulfilling our Strategic Plan, and I look forward to what we will achieve in Year 2. One thing I would like the Commission to focus on this year is continuing our collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and United States Public Health Service (USPHS) to complete coverage of their families. Another task this year is determining the best way to implement the recommendation of the National Guard and Reserve Coverage Task Force (NGRTF) to extend coverage to reserve component families. If we achieve these tasks, it will be a very busy year.

After the Executive Committee (EXCOM) meets in November, we will send a brief summary of the Annual Business Meeting to help maintain our collective focus on our major tasks. As in the past, I'll email you a questionnaire to ask your preferences as to which standing committees you wish to serve on. Watch for this to be disseminated in early November. I will also continue my practice of calling each of you to hear your ideas for the Commission for the coming year.

Thank you for all you do for military-connected students. Stay well, stay safe, and let's continue our mission.

Respectfully,  
John I. "Don" Kaminar  
Chair

### ABM 2020 PRESENTATIONS NOW POSTED

These include:

- Standing Committee Reports

- Modern Issues Impacting Military Families Panel
- USDOD State Liaison
- USDOD Representative
- Military Child Education Coalition
- Military Impacted Schools Association
- National Federation of State High School Associations
- National Military Family Association

The National Guard and Reserve Coverage Task Force (NGRTF) slides (w/script), final report, and commissioner survey responses are posted as well.

[Link to 2020 ABM Webpage](#)

## FY2020 END-OF-YEAR REPORTING AND TASKS

Member state annual reports are typically due by June 30. Due to the pandemic, the report and annual state council meeting deadline was **extended to Wednesday, September 30, 2020.**

- Email your report to [mic3info@csg.org](mailto:mic3info@csg.org).
- Check your MIC3 state webpage to ensure the information listed, including you contact information and state council members is current.



For more information on member state requirements, refer to [Policy #1-2017: State Coordination](#) or contact the national office for assistance.

### Experienced a unique or interesting case? Do you have best practices that support students?

#### ***Share your story!***

As everyone - governments, schools, families - continue to address COVID-19 it is important for the Commission to capture the unique cases and best practices being established by states during this time. Numerous education related topics are being discussed right now from student health and safety, in-person versus non-traditional instruction, virtual learning, homeschooling to athletics it is important for the Commission to capture those unique cases Commissioners are handling as schools reopen and the military resumes PCS orders.

A [form](#) and [database](#) were developed by the Rules Committee to highlight members' best practices and solutions under the Compact. Cases that have been submitted by Commissioners are available on the Commissioner Portal under Cases. (password = mic3commissioner)

Please take a few minutes to complete the form and share how your state has made accommodations for students.

Thank you for your support!