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**MIC3 PENNSYLVANIA STATE COUNCIL HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING TO  
SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES AND KIDS**

Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania State Council for the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) met on November 16, 2021 for its inaugural state council meeting to discuss educational issues that military children face as they transition between schools across state lines. Pennsylvania joined the Compact in 2012.

“We’re excited Pennsylvania held their first state council meeting, as it is home to several military installations,” said MIC3 Executive Director, Cherise Imai. “It demonstrates their commitment and support of our military servicemen and women, and their families.”

The MIC3 supports uniform treatment of military children as they transfer between states in the areas of enrollment; placement and attendance; eligibility; and graduation. It was developed by The Council of State Governments National Center for Interstate Compacts, the U.S. Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, state departments of education, school administrators and military families.

Led by Pennsylvania’s Compact Commissioner, Barbara Clemmer, the State Council discussed educating school administrators, counselors, and athletic directors on the challenges faced by military-connected students, and how the compact helps them remain on grade level and graduate on-time; received updates from military school liaison officers; and discussed resources that support families.

“Providing excellent educational opportunities for students of military families and easing the transitions they face when entering our public schools is a priority,” said State Representative Tracy Pennycuick, the legislative representative appointed by the Speaker of the House, “being part of the national dialogue with MIC3 to support military students is critical as we continue to support our nation’s military.” Pennycuick represents the 147<sup>th</sup> Legislative District serving portions of Montgomery County. She is a United States Army combat veteran who retired from the military after 26 years of both active and reserve service.

Military families move on a regular basis and reassignments are stressful – especially for their children. The average military student faces transition challenges more than twice during high school, and most will attend between six and nine different school systems in their lives from kindergarten to 12th grade. More than half of all military personnel have dependents, and the impacts of reassignment and long deployments are key considerations when making long-term life choices.

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