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

Indianapolis, IN – The Indiana State Council for the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) met on July 12, 2022, for its inaugural meeting to discuss educational transition issues that military children encounter as they transfer schools across state lines. Indiana has been a part of the Compact since 2009.

“I am ecstatic to lead Indiana’s first Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission state council meeting,” said Indiana Compact Commissioner Brian Murphy. “The Compact is an essential part in easing the transitions of our military students when they transfer in and out of our Indiana public school systems.”

Commissioner Murphy serves as Chief of Staff for the Indiana Department of Education. In this role, he oversees a team committed to building capacity, sparking innovation, and forging partnerships at all levels of Indiana's PK-12 education system to support educators and empower families. Additionally, he is the Executive Director for the Indiana State Board of Education, which oversees K-12 education policymaking in the State of Indiana.

The *Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children* eases educational transitions of military children as they transfer between states in the areas of enrollment; placement and attendance; eligibility; and graduation. The Compact 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.

The Council discussed the importance of the Compact, what it covers, and how it helps military students remain on grade level and graduate on-time. They also reviewed and discussed MIC3 resources that support families.

“Military children must adapt and overcome the hardships of transitioning due to the multiple moves they must make while serving alongside their families,” said Commander James L. Smith, Commanding Officer of NSA Crane, U.S. Department of Defense Military Representative to the Indiana Council. “The Compact makes these transitions a bit easier by providing uniform treatment for military-connected students.”

Military families move frequently, and this takes a toll on military children not only socially and emotionally, but educationally. The average military child will attend six to nine different school systems during their education from kindergarten to 12th grade. More than half of all military



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personnel have dependents, and the impacts of reassignment and long deployments are key considerations when making long-term life choices.

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