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

Jackson, MS – The Mississippi State Council for the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) held their inaugural meeting on August 12, 2022 to discuss educational transition issues that military children encounter as they transfer schools across state lines. Mississippi joined the Compact in March of 2009 and was the 12th state to enter the Compact.

“I am excited to lead Mississippi’s first Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission state council meeting,” said Mississippi Compact Commissioner Kristen Windham. “Working in policy and previously in education, I understand how vital the Compact is in successfully transitioning our military students when they transfer in and out of Mississippi’s public-school systems.”

Commissioner Windham serves as a policy advisor for the Governor of Mississippi. Previously, she worked for three years in one of the largest school districts in Mississippi handling public relations. She has been Mississippi’s Commissioner since 2021.

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

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