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Accomplishments:

State Council Meeting: 29 November 2018

26 July 2018 - Meeting with Alice Pietsch, Massachusetts Legislature Chair of the Education Committee. Commissioner Orzalli joined by Representative Ken Gordon

22 October 2018 – Commissioner Orzalli presentation to the State Training for Town Veterans Service Providers on MIC3.

January 2019 – Added USCG representatives to State Council as largest number of Military Affected student in Massachusetts are from USCG families