(Place on District Letterhead)

 (Date)

Dear (School District Superintendents):

Military members and military-connected families make many sacrifices for the security and safety of our nation, specifically military-connected children during their K-12 careers. April is designated as the *Month of the Military Child or* **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”.** Across the nation, states and school districts will celebrate the important role military children play while their service member parents serve our country through special events and wearing the color **purple.**

(State) is a member of the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3) – that includes the 50 states, District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools – which addresses the key educational transition issues encountered by military-connected students.

As educators, we are committed to children and providing a high-quality education for all students in public schools. I ask for your support in April for **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”** by:

1. Coordinating a district-wide month or day and promotion through your communication channels (website, newsletters, media), stakeholders, and partners, and tagging **#MIC3Compact** and **#purpleup4militarykids.**
2. Drafting a letter or memorandum to your schools encouraging them to consider sponsoring an activity.
3. Attending a district or school event celebrating **“Purple Up! For Military Kids.”**

Additional information and resources can be found in the **Purple Up! Toolkit** at: https://www.mic3.net/motmc.

Lastly, (Commissioner name), (state name)’s Compact Commissioner, oversees the military compact administration in our state and ensures compliance with the rules and regulations.

Please inform them of any district or school-level promotion. For more information on the Compact, please contact (him/her) directly at (phone and email info) or visit www.mic3.net.

Please join me in thanking our military children for their strength and sacrifice by supporting **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”** this month – they deserve our support!

Sincerely yours,

(State Superintendent or Commissioner of Education)

**Did You Know?** According to the U.S. Department of Defense as of 2020, there were 1.62 million military-connected students in the U.S.