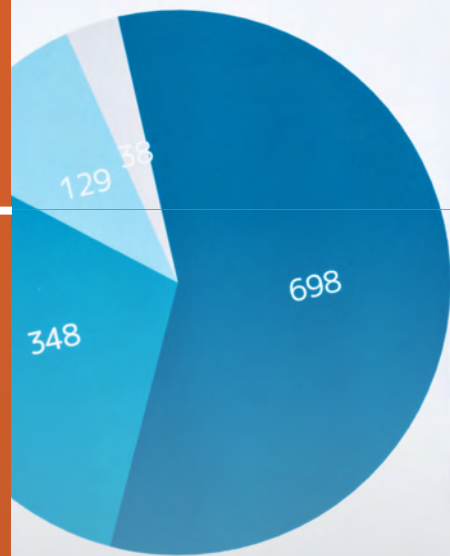


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# End-of-Year Reporting Fiscal Year 2022





The Compliance Committee is responsible for monitoring the compliance by member states with the terms of the compact and the Commission's rules, and for developing appropriate enforcement procedures for the Commission's consideration.

Under Commission Policy, [#1-2017 State Coordination Policy](#) adopted on March 28, 2017, Section III (C) requires:

*By June 30 of each year, member States shall submit the following information regarding their State Council to the national office:*

- a. State Council membership roster.*
- b. Identify and/or confirm at least two points of contact for the member state. E.g. State Commissioner, Military Family Education Liaison, State Department of Education, etc.*
- c. Summary of accomplishments, activities and presentations for the previous year.*

In this document, you will find the end-of-year reports submitted by member states documenting their activities in Fiscal Year 2022, July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

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Alabama	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Alaska	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22	1	1	1	1	1
Arizona	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Arkansas	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22	1	1	1	1	1
California	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Colorado	18-19, 20-21, 21-22		1		1	1
Connecticut	17-18, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22	1		1	1	1
Delaware	19-20, 20-21, 21-22			1	1	1
District of Columbia	21-22					1
Florida	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Georgia	20-21				1	1
Hawaii	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21	1	1	1	1	1
Idaho	19-20, 20-21, 21-22			1	1	1
Illinois	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Indiana	21-22					1
Iowa	19-20, 20-21, 21-22			1	1	1
Kansas	18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22		1	1	1	1
Kentucky	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22	1	1	1	1	1
Louisiana	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Maine	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Maryland	20-21				1	1
Massachusetts	17-18, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22	1		1	1	1
Michigan	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Minnesota	20-21				1	1
Mississippi	21-22					1
Missouri	17-18, 20-21, 21-22	1			1	1
Montana	17-18, 20-21	1			1	1
Nebraska	20-21				1	1
Nevada	20-21, 21-22				1	1
New Hampshire	18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22		1	1	1	1
New Jersey	20-21, 21-22				1	1
New Mexico	20-21, 21-22				1	1
New York	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22	1	1	1	1	1
North Carolina	19-20, 20-21, 21-22			1	1	1
North Dakota	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Ohio	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 21-22	1	1	1	1	1
Oklahoma	17-18, 20-21	1			1	1
Oregon	19-20, 20-21, 21-22			1	1	1
Pennsylvania	19-20, 20-21, 21-22			1	1	1
Rhode Island	20-21, 21-22				1	1
South Carolina	20-21, 21-22				1	1
South Dakota	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Tennessee	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22	1	1	1	1	1
Texas	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Utah	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Vermont	21-22					1
Virginia	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22	1	1	1	1	1
Washington	20-21, 21-22				1	1
West Virginia	17-18, 20-21, 21-22	1			1	1
Wisconsin	20-21, 21-22				1	1
Wyoming	20-21, 21-22				1	1
<b>Total reports</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Percentage (51)</b>		<b>27.5%</b>	<b>21.6%</b>	<b>35.3%</b>	<b>92.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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## Alabama MIC3 End of the Year Report

Submitted by Dr. Douglas L. Ragland, Alabama Commissioner

There have been excellent accomplishments during the 2021-22 year in the state of Alabama in relation to MIC3 and Military Families in general, and they are as follows:

- The Alabama Legislature created the Purple Star Schools Program under the direction of the Purple Star Schools Committee, in Act 2021-7 during the 2021 Regular Session. This program in its creation automatically included the Alabama Commissioner as a Member. The first meeting for the Committee was on August 15, 2021, and included the Selection of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair), and approval of the Resolution of the Purple Star Schools Committee which outlines criteria for the Purple Star School Program. The Purple Star Committee selected Lieutenant Governor Will Ainsworth as Chair, and Mr. Terry Roller, Military Family Education Liaison as Vice Chair. The Committee also has Alabama Council Members Robert Richert, School Liaison Officer for Maxwell Air Force Base, and Kim Kozel, Department of Defense Representative, and School Liaison Officer for Fort Rucker, and Dr. Eric Mackey, Alabama State Superintendent of Education.
- The Alabama State Department of Education, led by State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey worked in partnership with the Purple Star School Committee in the selection of 56 schools that met the qualifications to become Purple Star Schools. These schools were approved as Purple Star Schools by the Alabama Purple Star Committee on April 12, 2022. The Department of Education has vowed to work diligently to not only get more schools qualified, but to have the most in the nation qualified.
- The Honorable Governor Kay Ivey, approved a Military Proclamation for Month of the Military Child on February 2, 2022. I have attached the proclamation to this email.
- Maxwell Air Force Base has added another School Liaison Officer and thus there are 2 School Liaison Offices for that location.
- A student from Steilacoom High School in Washington Quadarius Brown was transferred to Sumter County High School in Alabama during the second semester of the school year as a result of his mother's pending deployment to Eastern Europe. As a result of the collaborative efforts between the Superintendents in Washington and Alabama the student met graduation

requirements and was eligible to return to Steilacoom High School to walk with his 2022 peers and receive his Steilly Diploma. This is a success story and he was photographed for the MIC3 Program Publication.

- Kim Kozel has been so successful in resolving cases for families stationed at Ft. Rucker in Alabama, Ft. Benning in Georgia, and a Military Base In Italy. Also in her Community in Southeast Alabama, the following schools received the Purple Star Designation : Enterprise City Schools in Enterprise, Alabama Carroll High School and Ozark Middle School in Ozark, Alabama, and South Dale Middle School in Pinckard, Alabama.
- Erica Lewis, School Liaison Officer for Redstone Arsenal has displayed excellent leadership in her community for 2021-22 In addition to resolving successfully all, of her Compact Cases, On April 21st, she participated in Open House at the Youth Center and was able to share information with families about school transitions and resources that can help families deal with transitions. On May 9th, she presented to teachers at Williams Elementary School on "Connecting Military Youth During Transition- Social and Emotional Considerations School Response and Support." The staff was very receptive of the information presented. On May 18th, Erica held the annual Kindergarten Boot Camp for children in their Strong Beginnings Program. 25 students were able to rotate through stations to help them see what a day of kindergarten will be like once they start school. It was a fun event for all. The link to the article is below.  
[https://www.theredstonerocket.com/eedition/page\\_e8eb94ef-7f6f-562c-88b6-8428508f2acb.html](https://www.theredstonerocket.com/eedition/page_e8eb94ef-7f6f-562c-88b6-8428508f2acb.html).
- The following report from Maxwell Air Force Base submitted by Robert Richert, highlights MIC Issues, Non-MIC3 Issues, Legislative Actions, Purple Star Schools and Community Partnerships:

### **MIC3 Issues**

- A Military student transferred to AL from AK with enough HS credits to graduate in AK but not in AL, thus AL school would not promote to 12th grade and allow on-time graduation. The School Liaison office connected the two districts and requested to invoke Compact rule SEC.4.103 Transfers during Senior Year. The student was successfully promoted to 12th grade and completed AK coursework in AL, received an AK diploma in AL this past May (2022).
- A military student transferred to AL from WY. Initially, the receiving school in AL would not accept JROTC coursework taken in WY, as a substitute for PE credit. SL office reviewed the AL graduation requirements and noted that per AL graduation requirement JROTC could substitute for PE. SL office contacted the local district and advised them of the issue, and requested they adhere to

SEC.5.101, of the compact. Receiving school, conceded that JROTC was an acceptable substitute for PE and allowed enrollment of the student in the appropriate grade.

- A military student who transferred from out of state was not allowed to enroll in AP classes in a new school (private). The sponsor reached out to the SL office for assistance. SL contacted School Headmaster, introduced himself and explained SL's role, requested assistance for family, and allow for enrollment in AP classes. SL informed that the school was not bound to the Compact but informed them of the section of Compact (SEC.5.101 & 5.104) that would apply and requested the school to comply with the spirit of the agreement we have with the public schools. Headmaster concurred and allowed the student to enroll in the desired AP classes.
- A local school (receiving) would not accept grades from an out-of-state (sending) school for a 1st-grade student. SL office contacted district POC for support and referenced SEC.3.101 (b) of Compact. District POC contacted the local school and advised them to accept grades from sending school.
- Military student residing in GA. The sponsor is assigned to an overseas location and slated for several moves (PCS) for the next several years. To provide a stable environment for his high school-aged son, the sponsor has assigned power of attorney (POA) to his brother in AL. The sponsor reached out to the SL office in regards to enrollment and extracurricular activity participation at a new high school. SL informed the member that per the compact SEC.6.101 and 6.102. the student is eligible for enrollment at the zoned school of his uncle (POA) and can participate in extracurricular activities per Alabama High School Athletic Association rules.

### **Non MIC3 Issues**

- Air Force members assigned to Army Garrison requested an exception to policy to attend another school other than the assigned school. Member referenced that due to his deployment his spouse needed both children at the same school for ease of burden on time and resiliency of students to be at the same school. Superintendent denied the request. AF member/spouse appealed the decision to Asst. State Superintendent to intercede. The state did not and directed parents back to the newly hired Superintendent. The new Superintendent agreed to meet w/parent, but yet again upheld the decision of the previous superintendent.
- SL office assisted international officer's students with appropriate grade placement, transfer of immunization records to Alabama Health Certificate (Blue Card), and transitions to local area schools.
- Coordinated with Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) issues/challenges with military students' school transfers and participation in extra-curricular activities (sports, band, etc.)

- Prior AF member spouse submitted a complaint regarding local school issue of failing to provide a report of grades to parents and learning loss while attending school in Montgomery Public School District. Member's child had attended a local school the year prior but failed to receive a report card for the final reporting period. The member several attempts on their own to contact the school and receive a final report. The local school advised the parent that reports were made available through the district's online site (Schoology). Member indicated that they no longer had access to the online site since their PCS. SL office connected with the district office to assist members with the retrieval of the report card.

### **Legislation**

- Senate Bill 116 by Sen. Tom Whatley (R - Auburn) allows children of military families relocating to Alabama to enroll in public school before arrival without having to first provide proof of residency.
- Senate Bill 119 by Sen. Will Barfoot (R - Pike Road) expands scholarships provided under the Alabama G.I. and Dependents' Educational Benefit Act to include private colleges and universities and adds the U.S. Space Command to qualifying branches.

### **Purple Star Schools**

- SL office informed local schools and districts of the Alabama inaugural Purple Star Schools initiative. Eight local schools were designated as being among the first of fifty-three Purple Schools in the State.

### **Community Events/Partnerships**

- SL office coordinated guest speakers/service members to present at three local schools for Bullying Prevention, Drug Awareness, and Veteran's Day.
- SL office coordinated the delivery of over 200+ thank you cards for Veterans at area Veterans Homes (Alex City) and Hospital (Tuskegee/Montgomery).
- Coordinated three resiliency events with School Liaison Office, Military Family Life Counselor, and local high school students. More than 100 students served.
- Partnered with MCEC Parent Support Programs and offered several "Tell Me a Story" programs for school-age children. Lt Gen Hecker, Air University Commander was our most recent featured guest reader.
- Along with Operation Homefront, coordinated a base event featuring information booths from eighteen community partners and provided 300 backpacks filled with school supplies to students.



- SL office coordinated with Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA) to light Montgomery's RSA tower in Purple to honor and recognize Purple UP! Day for Month of the Military Child.
- SL Office in conjunction with Air University K-12 Working Group coordinated a Proclamation from Governor Kay Ivey, for April's Month of the Military Child .
- SL Office collaborated with MIC3 National Office to offer four MIC3 101 training sessions for parents and school/district office personnel.

In closing, As the Alabama Commissioner for MIC3, I am very proud of my Military Education Family Liaison, Department of Defense Military Representative, and School Liaison Officers, for their excellent work and leadership in resolving all cases related to the Compact, assisting those individuals with concerns out of the jurisdiction of the Compact, serving their respective communities with a Spirit of Excellence in creating partnerships benefiting military families via schools, government, and community organizations, and helping to bring awareness to the Compact, and other Military Interests.

#### **MIC3 State Council Membership**

- **Dr. Douglas L. Ragland**, Alabama Commissioner for Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission and Retired School Superintendent.
- **Dr. Eric Mackey**, Alabama State Superintendent of Education
- **Mr. Terry Roller**, Assistant Superintendent, Support Services Alabama State Department of Education and Military Education Family Liaison
- **Mr. Pat Mantell**, Communication Specialist and Military Advisor, Alabama State Department of Education and Alabama Military Education Family Liaison
- **Mr. Dave Pope**, Supervisor of Security in the Information Technology Department at the Alabama State Department of Education.
- **Kimberly Kozel**, Department of Defense Military Representative and School Liaison Officer, Soldiers Services Center, Fort Rucker US Army
- **Robert Richert**, Child & Youth Education Services, School Liaison, 42nd Force Support Squadron, Maxwell AFB, AL
- **Katheryn Ganster**, Child & Youth Education Services, School Liaison, 42nd Force Support Squadron, Maxwell AFB, AL
- **Major General Sheryl Gordon**, Alabama National Guard
- **Dr. Diane C. Flournoy**, School and Community Stakeholder Leader  
of Daleville City Schools
- **Mr. Nick Moore**, Education Policy Advisor Executive Office of the Governor
- **Ms. Kim Vickers**, Associate Director for the Alabama High School Athletic Association

- **Erica Lewis**, School Resource Officer, CYS, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama

The Alabama MIC3 State Council held their annual meeting on August 16, 2021. The meeting agenda and minutes are available on [Alabama's page on mic3.net](#).

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## 2021-2022 Alaska End-of-Year Report

The membership of the State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children consists of the following:

- Wayne Marquis, State Superintendent of Education/Executive Branch
- COL Nathan Surrey, Military Installation Representative, Fort Wainwright
- COL Jason Delamater, Military Installation Representative, Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson
- Grier Hopkins, Legislator, State of Alaska
- Deena Bishop, Superintendent, Anchorage School District
- Janet Farris, Military School Liaison, Fort Wainwright
- Adele Daniels, School Liaison Officer, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
- Georgia Sandgren, Military Support Coordinator, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
- Eleila Preston, Stakeholder, Wasilla

The contact for issues related to the Compact in my state is:

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Division of Finance and Support Services  
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phone 907.465.6928

Activities:

- The Alaska State Council met once on February 10, 2022.
  - Discussions included:
    - Overview of Interstate Compact
    - Role of the State in the Compact
    - Roles and Responsibilities: Alaska Council on Education for Military Children members
    - Highlights of 2021 Virtual MIC3 Annual Business Meeting (ABM)
  
    - Current Challenges and Trends on Alaska Military Installations
    - Best Practices
    - House Bill (HB) 53 An Act relating to residency requirements for public school enrollment for certain children of active-duty military and National Guard members; and providing for an effective date
  
    - Enhanced Military Spouse Licensure Portability
    - Military Spouse Occupational Licensure Access

- Licensing Compacts
  - Purple Star Schools Program
  - Advance Enrollment
  - Open Enrollment Flexibility
  - In-State Tuition Continuity
  - Child Abuse Identification and Reporting
  - Ask the Question Campaign
  
  - SB21 An Act relating to occupational licensing of members of the military and their spouses
  - National Compacts / Professional Licensing
  
  - Teacher Certification
  - Out-of-State Teacher Certification
- 20 Alaska Schools were awarded Purple Star School recognition on April 15, 2022. These were the first to do so.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Wayne Marquis  
Alaska Compact Commissioner  
Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)

## 2021-2022 Arizona End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following members.

- Brig. Gen. Joseph Baldwin, National Guard Assistant for Director of the Army National Guard Staff, Arlington, Virginia
- Senator Sonny Borrelli, Member, Arizona State Senate
- Col. Charles Dudik, Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma
- Col. James Greenwald, Ret., Senior Manager, Data Link Products at Collins Aerospace
- Maj. Gen. Anthony Hale, Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence & Fort Huachuca
- Kathy Hoffman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Brig. Gen. Gregory Kreuder, Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base
- Gabriella (Gabee) Lepore, Representative from the Executive Branch
- Kim Lopez, Professor, ASU School of Education
- Col. Patrick McFall, Commander, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground
- Maj. Gen. Kerry Muehlenbeck, Adjutant General of Arizona
- Bridget O'Neill, Teacher, Florence Unified School District
- Representative Joanne Osborne, Member, Arizona State House of Representatives
- Maj. Gen. Howard Purcell, Air Component Commander, Arizona Air National Guard
- James Sheldahl, Superintendent, Yuma Elementary School District
- Col. Joseph Turnham, Commander, 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
- Nicola Winkel, Community Liaison, Arizona Coalition of Military Families

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:

- The Arizona MIC3 Primary Point of Contact is:  
Peter Laing – Arizona MIC3 Commissioner, Policy Advisor & Strategic Projects, Arizona Department of Education
- The Arizona MIC3 Secondary Point of Contact is:  
Bruce Duplanty - Deputy Associate Superintendent, Educator Preparation & Certification, Arizona Department of Education

Accomplishments:

- A new website was developed to support Arizona's military families, and to serve as a hub for MIC3 for the Arizona Department of Education at: <https://www.azed.gov/parents/military-families>
- Arizona's MIC3 State Council met on December 9, 2021. An additional meeting is being scheduled for late Summer 2022, in preparation for the MIC3 Annual Meeting in October 2022.
- The Arizona Department of Education actively celebrated Purple Up! For Military Kids Day and the Month of the Military Child via releases through social media.
- Arizona also worked to further finalize processes in support of recognizing Purple Star Schools.

Activities:

- Arizona's MIC3 designee attended the MIC3 virtual 2021 Annual Business Meeting.
- The Commissioner met with and coordinated with state SLOs virtually in Fall 2021.
- Arizona's State Council met on December 9, 2021. An additional meeting is being scheduled for late Summer 2022, in preparation for the MIC3 Annual Meeting in October 2022.
- The Commissioner supported four issues raised by SLOs with information and troubleshooting, one of which involved a coordinated resolution to a MIC3 issue for a student involving California's MIC3 Commissioner.



**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
ARKANSAS COUNCIL FOR MILITARY CHILDREN  
TO THE GOVERNOR  
AND SENATE AND HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEES  
COVERING ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022**

## **Executive Summary**

Pursuant to the Arkansas Code Annotated (ACA) Section 6-28-204(f), the Arkansas Council for Military Children (hereinafter the Council) hereby submits this report to the Governor of Arkansas and to the Education Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Arkansas General Assembly.

This report covers the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Because this Council is concerned with the support of children of military families enrolled in Arkansas public schools, that time period is referenced in this report as Academic Year 2021-2022, or AY 2021-2022.

ACA 6-4-305 requires this Council to report on the following areas (excerpted verbatim from ACA 6-28-204(h)):

- (1) Information regarding the achievements of the State Council and public school districts regarding the support provided to military families under this chapter;
- (2) Details of the reports provided to the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3);
- (3) The number of children of military families in each public school district transferring to or from another state or federal education agency in the previous year;
- (4) Summaries of cases elevated to the chair for counsel and assistance in resolving cases involving the transition of children of military families that were elevated by military families, United States Department of Defense officials; or Public school districts.
- (5) Information regarding training that is provided to public school district personnel with respect to this chapter
- (6) Details regarding plans for future engagement efforts with uniformed services families under this chapter; and
- (7) Any other information deemed relevant by the Council.

The Council has also decided to submit this report to the Secretary of Education and the State Board of Education and will submit this report to the MIC3 national office to satisfy the requirements of MIC3 Rule 2.102.



## I. Achievements of the State Council and Public School Districts.

During the last academic year the Council has focused wits efforts on four areas: increasing the number of persons attending the statutory military family forum; increasing its recognition programs; enhancing the educational environment for children of military families through expansion of the Arkansas Purple Star School program; and raising awareness of the obstacles faced by and special needs of children of military families in obtaining an education through a vigorous outreach and training program.

A. Military Family Forum. The Council held three Military Family Fora. The first was held via web-based conferencing on September 23, 2021, at 6:30 PM. The second was an in-person event held in the Fort Smith School District on April 21, 2022 at 5:00 PM; and the third was an in-person event on May 14, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Jacksonville-North Pulaski School district.

### B. Recognition Programs.

The Council has created an award to recognize private citizens who have rendered significant and sustained service to military families in Arkansas. The first Outstanding Service to Military Families Award was announced on April 14, 2022.

The Council has voted to develop an award to recognize one outstanding high school student who is a child of a military family statewide. The Awards Committee of the Council is currently developing the concept to present to the Council for approval or amendment. The Council hopes to present the first award under this program in May 2023.

The success of the various recognition programs operated by the Council is proximately due to the superior work of Awards Committee Chair Dr. Janice Walker.

### C. Purple Star Schools.

The number of schools qualifying for Purple Star School status has increased from 35 on June 30, 2021 to 93 as of June 30, 2022. A sortable list of Arkansas Purple Star Schools is available at this link [at this link](#) on the Council web site. The number of school districts qualifying for recognition as Purple Star School Districts has risen from three on June 30, 2021 to nine on June 30, 2022. A sortable list of Arkansas Purple Star School Districts is available at this link [at this link](#) on the Council web site.

The most significant growth in the number of Purple Star Schools has been in the Arkansas River Valley area. This is in response to the anticipated expansion of the training mission at the Ebbing Air National Guard Station as schools in the area have recognized the greater need to support the children of military families and is a result of the energetic and proactive work of Council Vice Chair Andelyn Wright, Outreach Committee Chair Terri Williams, and Strategic Planning Committee Chair Jodi Bergstrom.

The most significant hindrance to expanding the Purple Star School program is lack of funds to provide recognition banners to qualifying schools. Over the past three years banners have been provided by the Arkansas Activities Association, the Child and Youth Education Service Office of the Little Rock Air Force Base, and Camp Alliance. In order to continue the program, the Council requires a consistent source of funding. The Council has submitted an application for funds for 300 school banners and 30 district banners to the Charles M. and Mary D. Grant Foundation. A response is expected in September.

### D. Outreach and Training.

The Council has expanded its public awareness through increasing its social media following as well as through presentations in online town halls, television interviews, and in-person events. In conjunction with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Council has conducted fifteen training events during this academic year.

- E. Other. The Council has sought input from relevant groups and individuals by inviting guests to present to the Council on subjects of interest and by asking for the Secretary of Education to appoint a special education liaison to the Council. Mr. Rick Porter was appointed to serve in the capacity. The Council has also requested that the 2022 Arkansas Teacher of the Year, Ms. Jessica Saum, to serve as a special advisor to the Council. Ms. Saum is a military spouse.

## **II. Reports to the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission.**

The Council has submitted two reports to the MIC3. The first, which was submitted on June 30, 2021, was the required annual report due to the MIC3 under its Rule 2.102. The report itself was the Council's report to the Governor and House and Senate Education Committees.

The second report, submitted in July 2021, was the Council's position on a course of action to be adopted by the MIC3 to ensure the children of reserve component service members receive the protections of the Compact. A copy of that report is attached.

## **III. Children of Military Families Transferring Into and Out of Arkansas Public Schools During AY 2021-2022, by Branch and Component of Service**

A table with data on the number of children of military families transferring into and out of Arkansas public school districts is at **Appendix A**. The data are provided by the Division of Research and Technology of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

## **IV. Cases Brought to the State Council.**

Typically, cases are not addressed by the Council, but are addressed by the Compact Commissioner and/or School Liaison. A table of cases addressed by the state Compact Commissioner or Military Family Education Liaison is at **Appendix B**.

## **V. Training for Public School District Personnel.**

Paragraph I.D of this report makes reference to training activities conducted. A schedule of training events conducted during AY 2021-2022 is at **Appendix C**.

## **VI. Plans for Future Engagement.**

During AY 2022-2023 the Council will:

- A) Conduct three Military Family Forums, pursuant to ACA 6-28-204(f).

- B) Hold its regularly scheduled council meetings in various communities in order to facilitate in-person attendance by members of the public. Each Council meeting will feature a web-based option for persons who wish to attend virtually.
- C) Increase the number of Purple Star Schools from 93 to 200.
- D) Continue to conduct training statewide.
- E) Implement a statewide award to recognize an Outstanding Military Scholar.

**VII. Other Information Deemed Relevant by the Council.**

- A. Membership. The membership of the Council with contact information is available [at this link](#).
- B. Meetings. A schedule of Council meetings is at **Appendix D**. A schedule of Committee meetings is at **Appendix E**. Records from all Council and Committee meetings are available [at this link](#).
- C. District Military Education Coordinators.

Currently 59 school districts in Arkansas are required to appoint a district military education coordinator under ACA § 6-28-116. The number of districts failing to comply has decreased from seven on July 1, 2021 to zero. All school districts required to appoint a district military education coordinator are now in compliance with the statute.

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Andelyn Wright  
 State Council Vice Chair

**Appendix A: Children of Military Families Transferring Into and Out of Arkansas Public Schools During AY 2021-2022, by Branch and Component of Service (Data provided by ADE Data Center as of May 31, 2022)**

<b>Branch and Component of Service</b>	<b># of Children of Military Families Enrolled in Arkansas Public Schools</b>	<b># of Children of Military Families Who Transferred Out of Arkansas Public Schools</b>	<b>% of Children of Military Families Who Transferred Out of Arkansas Public Schools</b>	<b># of Children of Military Families Who Transferred Into Arkansas Public Schools</b>	<b>% of Children of Military Families Who Transferred Into Arkansas Public Schools</b>
Air Force	2807	181	6.45%	18	0.64%
Air Force Reserve	173	4	2.31%	0	0.00%
Air National Guard	560	10	1.79%	0	0.00%
Army	1092	76	6.96%	21	1.92%
Army Reserve	547	14	2.56%	3	0.55%
Army National Guard	1760	40	2.27%	3	0.17%
Coast Guard	56	1	1.79%	3	5.36%
Coast Guard Reserve	18	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Marine Corps	125	12	9.60%	0	0.00%
Marine Corps Reserve	53	2	3.77%	0	0.00%
Navy	210	19	9.05%	4	1.90%
Navy Reserve	107	4	3.74%	0	0.00%
Space Force	1	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Parents Serve in Multiple Branches	56	4	7.14%	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7565</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>4.85%</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0.69%</b>

**Appendix B: Cases Brought to the State Council During AY 2021-2022**

Case #	Date Initiated	Date Concluded	Arkansas School District(s) Involved	Other State Involved	Description of the Issue	Applicable Law or Compact Article	Outcome
21-01	July 15, 2021	July 30, 2021	Nettleton	Kentucky	Service member retired from the Army and wished to have his daughter attend a different district under School Choice Act.	ACA 6-18-227	Student did not qualify under school choice.
21-02	August 20, 2021	August 20, 2021	Cabot	Maryland	Service member was being deployed to Afghanistan. Mother brought the student home to Arkansas and wanted to enroll her in GT programs.	Article V	District placed student in GT program.
22-01	January 26, 2022	January 28, 2022	Conway	Texas	Student was told he could not try out for All-Region Choir.	Article VI	Student was allowed to try out and was placed in the All-Region Choir

**Appendix C: AY 2021-2022 Training Activities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject/Content</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
August 18, 2021	District Military Education Coordinator Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar
August 25, 2021	District Military Education Coordinator Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar
September 1, 2021	District Military Education Coordinator Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar
September 8, 2021	District Military Education Coordinator Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar
September 27, 2021	Purple Star School Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar
October 15, 2021	District Military Education Coordinator Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
November 2, 2021	Purple Star School Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar
January 4, 2022	Purple Star School Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar
February 1, 2022	Purple Star School Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
March 1, 2022	Purple Star School Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar
March 17, 2022	Purple Star School Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar
April 5, 2022	Purple Star School Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar
April 19, 2022	School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar
April 30, 2022	Awareness Training	Little Rock Air Force Base	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
May 3, 2022	Purple Star School Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar

**Appendix D: Schedule of State Council Meetings During AY 2021-2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
July 1, 2021	Council	Bobby G. Lester Elementary School, Jacksonville
September 2, 2021	Council	Web-Based
September 23, 2021	Council (Military Family Forum)	Web-Based
November 18, 2021	Council	Web-Based
January 6, 2022	Council	Web-Based
March 3, 2022	Council	Web-Based
May 5, 2022	Council	Web-Based

**Appendix E: Schedule of Meetings of Committees and Subordinate Groups During AY 2021-2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
October 14, 2021	Awards Committee	Web-Based
February 16, 2022	Awards Committee	Web-Based
May 17, 2022	Awards Committee	Web-Based
December 6, 2021	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
January 7, 2022	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
January 21, 2022	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
February 18, 2022	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
June 6, 2022	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
February 28, 2022	Committee Chair Work Session	Web-Based
July 8, 2021	Military Family Forum Committee	Web-Based
July 22, 2021	Military Family Forum Committee	Conference Call
September 9, 2021	Military Family Forum Committee	Web-Based
March 31, 2022	Military Family Forum Committee	Web-Based
May 4, 2022	Military Family Forum Committee	Web-Based
February 10, 2022	Outreach Committee	Web-Based
February 15, 2022	Outreach Committee	Web-Based
March 9, 2022	Outreach Committee	Web-Based
April 27, 2022	Outreach Committee	Web-Based
June 23, 2022	Outreach Committee	Web-Based
December 27, 2021	Strategic Planning Committee	Web-Based
January 18, 2022	Strategic Planning Committee	Web-Based

## 2021-2022 California End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following members.

- Khieem Jackson, MIC3 Compact Commissioner California State Board of Education
- John Burns, Facilitator and Chair, Task Force on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Senator Honorable Tom Umberg, California State Senate
- Jesse M. Najera, School District Representative, Superintendent, Silver Valley Unified School District
- Sylvia Crowder, Family Education Liaison, Travis Unified School District
- Christian Mendoza, School Liaison Officer, Travis Air Force Base, United States Air Force
- Cecilia Yacuta, DOD Liaison Representative, Regional School Liaison Officer, Navy Region Southwest, United States Navy
- Stephanie Papas, California Department of Education Designee Assembly Member

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 DOD Liaison Representative  
 Regional School Liaison Officer  
 Navy Region Southwest  
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Accomplishments:

- The CA State Council accomplished its MIC3 annual requirements.
- The California legislature passed Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 53 that directed State CA Department of Education to establish and manage a program designating schools that support military-connected pupils as Purple Star Schools.

Activities:

- The CA State Council met numerous times formally and informally during this reporting period in support of its missions and goals.
- The CA State Council supported its approximately 66,000 military connected students that were stationed at California's approximate 32 bases within the state.

Presentations

- The CA State Council provided numerous training on the MIC3 to established and new Military School Liaison Officers.
- The CA State Council received informational presentations from and provided informational presentations to numerous school organizations, personnel, boards and units during this reporting period.
- The CA State Council was a active and engage participant on multiple HQ MIC3 committees to include: (1) Communications and Outreach, (2) Compliance, and (3) Leadership Nomination Committee



# **COLORADO MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN'S COMPACT COMMISSION**

## *2021 Annual Report*

### **STATE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

Keith Owen, Ph.D., Superintendent – Fountain-Fort Carson School District #8

Montina Romero, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent – Fountain-Fort Cason School District #8

Susan Silva, Director of Child, Youth and School Services – Fort Carson

Jeremy Anderson, President – Education Commission of the States

Katy Anthes, Ph.D., Commissioner of Education – Colorado Department of Education

Benjamin Henderson, Director of Operations and Cabinet of Affairs – Governor's Office

Colonel Nathan Springer, Garrison Commander – Fort Carson

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### **SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ACTIVITIES, PRESENTATIONS**

- State Council Meeting held on October 6, 2021.
- Attended the Annual Business Meeting via Zoom.
- Successfully supported 4 military student situations.
- Continued to meet with Colorado Governor, Jared Polis, and his staff to discuss Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission.
- Successfully navigated COVID issue during the 2021-2022 school year and provided in-person learning to students.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Cherise Imai, Executive Director  
Interstate Compact Commission Central Office

FROM: Laura Anastasio, Commissioner's Designee  
State of Connecticut

DATE: June 6, 2022

SUBJECT: Connecticut State Council for Military Children

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In compliance with the policy of the Interstate Compact Commission, I am writing to report the activities of the Connecticut State Council for Military Children for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

### Membership of the Connecticut State Council

The current members of the Council are:

- Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education
- Laura Anastasio, Commissioner's Designee
- The Honorable Holly Cheeseman, Representative 37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District
- Valerie Nelson, Groton Public Schools
- Jason S. Hartling, Ledyard Public Schools
- Kristea Francolino, New London Public Schools
- Bob Ross, Executive Director, Office of Military Affairs
- Dr. Andrea Ackerman, Groton Board of Education
- Hamlet Hernandez, Superintendent, Branford Public Schools
- Captain Kenneth M. Curtin, Jr., Commander Naval Submarine Base New London, Department of Defense Liaison (nonvoting)
- Miranda Chapman, Military Family Liaison, Naval Submarine Base New London (nonvoting)
- Louis Tallarita, Connecticut State Liaison (nonvoting)

The Connecticut State Council (Council) met in a joint meeting with the Military School Liaison Committee (MSLC) on September 23, 2021. The Council discussed the Student Success Video Program and discussed how to promote this initiative. The Council reviewed the implementation of Public Act 21-86, new legislation allowing for military families to establish residency in any district in Connecticut with PCS Orders to the state. The statute allows many families the ability to enroll in the district of choice prior to establishing permanent residency. However, if the family cannot find housing in the district of choice, the student might have to change schools. The MSLC/State Council recommended that the group draft a model policy for the school districts in the region to consider implementing to maintain continuity in how districts treat families in this situation. The group discussed the NGR matter and determined that Connecticut would support enacting outside legislation to extend Compact benefits to the NGR.

The Council's second joint meeting with the MSLC of this fiscal year was held in person on March 24, 2022. The group was updated on the NGR matter, MIC3 Success Stories and discussed activities for the Month of the Military Child/PurpleUp! Day in Connecticut. The group also was informed of the monthly Compact 101 Training sessions, upcoming workshops for parents- one on the Military Interstate Compact and second on Moving with a Military Student. In addition, the group discussed the upcoming School Options Fair at the Submarine Base, Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona's Letter in Support of MIC3, and the updated data on military children for New London County.

The Commissioner's Designee assisted in facilitating the enrollment of a military student in a Hartford region magnet school that the student had attended when previously residing in the state. In addition, the Commissioner's Designee met with a military family and district personnel concerning a dispute over the placement of a student although the dispute was not covered under the Compact.

Points of Contact for Connecticut:

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2. State Military Family Liaison:

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## Delaware End-of-Year Report FY2021-22

First Name: Susan  
Last Name: Haberstroh  
I am the Compact Commissioner for: Delaware  
The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following: For 2021-2022 School Year - This will be updated for the 2022-2023 school year

CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICER  
Dr. Mark A. Holidick, Secretary of Education, Delaware Department of Education

EDUCATION DESIGNEE  
Jennifer Davis, Education Associate, Delaware Department of Education

MILITARY/DOD REPRESENTATIVE  
Col Phelemon Williams, USAF, Deputy Commander  
436 Mission Support Group, Dover Air Force Base

STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Susan K. Haberstroh, Director, School Support Services, Delaware Department of Education  
Doug Crouse, Military Liaison, University of Delaware Cooperative  
Kevin Fitzgerald, Superintendent, Caesar Rodney School District  
Laurie Sisk, School Liaison Specialist, Dover Air Force Base, USAF  
Senator Laura Sturgeon, Delaware State Senate  
Representative Kimberly Williams, Delaware State House of Representatives  
Casey Corbin, President, Delaware Parent Teacher Association  
Patrick Devlin, Lead Child & Youth Program Coordinator, Delaware National Guard  
Christine Kubik, Director, Joint Support & Outreach Services, Delaware National Guard  
Ron Sarg, Military Officers Association of America, Dover Air Force Base, United States Air Force

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are: For 2021-2022  
Susan Haberstroh, Director, School Support Services - Delaware Department of Education

Jennifer Davis, Education Associate, Delaware Department of Education

For 2022-2023

Mike Rodriguez, Associate Secretary, Student Supports - Delaware Department of Education

**Accomplishments:** Members of the State Council supported the implementation of the Purple Star Schools award through review of the applications.

The State Council supported Month of the Military Child activities through attendance at the Governor's Proclamation ceremony and presentation of a Tribute to the Delaware Senate and Delaware House of Representatives.

**Activities:** The State Council held the annual meeting on March 8, 2022. Minutes from that meeting are posted on the Delaware State Public Calendar as well as the MIC3 website.

The State Council members were invited to attend the events held by Governor Carney and the State General Assembly on April 12, 2022 in Legislative Hall. Students from the Dover Airbase were in attendance as well as family and leadership from the Dover Air Base and Delaware National Guard.

While not a MIC3 requirement or initiative, members of the State Council reviewed the applications for the new Purple Star School Award. Delaware passed legislation in 2021 requiring the establishment of Purple Star School Awards.

**Presentations:** State MIC3 Commissioner Haberstroh attended the National Military Family Association (NMFA) State of the Military Family Event on April 19, 2022 in Arlington, VA at the request of the National MIC3.

State MIC3 Commissioner Haberstroh provided an overview of the MIC3 Compact to the Dover Military Officers of America Association meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

## District of Columbia End-of-Year Report 2021-22

First Name: Clara  
Last Name: Botstein  
I am the Compact Commissioner for: District of Columbia  
The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following:

- (1) The Chairman of the Council, or his or her designee (LeKisha Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, Council of the District of Columbia);
- (2) The Mayor, or his or her designee (Clara Haskell Botstein, Director of Legislation and Governmental Affairs, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education);
- (3) The State Superintendent of Education (Dr. Christina Grant, Superintendent);
- (4) A representative from a District military installation appointed by the U.S. Department of Defense (Alonso Hay, School Liaison, and Horace Franklin, Region School Liaison, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling (JBAB));
- (5) The Chancellor, or his or her designee (Alyssa Noth, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, District of Columbia Public Schools);
- (6) A public charter school leader designated by the Chairman of the Public Charter School Board (Alecia Ritzema, Student Support Services Coordinator, LEARN DC Public Charter School on JBAB); and
- (7) A parent representative appointed by the Mayor (TBD).

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:

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Accomplishments:

N/A

Activities:

The District of Columbia filled the MIC3 Commissioner vacancy in February of 2022.

The Commissioner visited JBAB in March of 2022.

The State Council members were identified between April and May of 2022.

The State Council convened in June of 2022.

Presentations:

N/A



## Florida End-of-Year Report FY2021-2022

First Name: Robert  
 Last Name: Buehn  
 I am the Compact  
 Commissioner for: Florida  
 The membership of the  
 state's MIC3 council consists  
 of the following: :

Education Designee  
 Jacob Oliva, Executive Vice Chancellor, Florida Department of Education  
 Military Family Education Liaison  
 Kaye McKinley, Principal, Liza Jackson Preparatory School, Okaloosa County  
 School District

Military/DOD Representative  
 RDML Wesley R. McCall, Commander, Navy Region Southeast

State Council Members  
 Commissioner Bob Buehn, Adjunct Professor, US Naval War College  
 RDML Wesley R. McCall , Commander, Navy Region Southeast  
 Jacob Oliva, Executive Vice Chancellor, Florida Department of Education  
 Damera L. Hopkins, School Counselor Consultant, Student Support Services,  
 Student Support Services Project/USF  
 Steve Horton, Community Affairs, Deputy Superintendent, Okaloosa County  
 School District  
 Wayne Taylor, Representative for the President of the State Senate and  
 Speaker of the House  
 Representative for the Office of the Governor (Vacant)

Ex-Officio Members  
 Jordanne Stark,  
 Florida High School  
 Athletic Association  
 Elaine LaJeunesse,  
 School Liaison,  
 Eglin Air Force Base  
 Lacey Allen, School  
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 Field  
 Venetia Waters,  
 School Liaison,  
 MacDill Air Force  
 Base  
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 Liaison, Patrick Air  
 Force Base  
 Stephanie



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Liaison, Tyndall Air  
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Posada, School  
Liaison, USAG  
Miami  
Teri Wanamaker,  
School Liaison,  
Jacksonville Naval  
Air Station  
Dawn Mills, School  
Liaison, Key West  
Naval Air Station  
Sharon Kasica,  
School Liaison,  
Mayport Naval  
Station  
Erin Pickard, School  
Liaison, Panama  
City Naval Support  
Activity  
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Accomplishments:

The Florida Council conducted meetings in July, October, January and April in 2021-22, all well attended and hosted by the Florida Department of Education. Representatives of the national office normally are on the quarterly meeting calls too, and provide valuable updates. Florida celebrated the Month of the Military Child and Purple Up day on April 20. Deputy Chancellor Oliva always provides a legislative update.

Activities: Due to some confusion in some Florida School districts, the Florida DOE reissued a July 2020 memorandum describing a legislative change to military student enrollment. SB 662 considers students a resident upon the active duty member receiving orders. This helps transferring families who are buying or building a home and are not yet in the school district enroll before actually moving in.

Presentations: Commissioner Buehn met with Concerned Veterans of America to discuss the Compact. The group advocates for military families and supports continuing support for the Interstate Compact. SLOs regularly make presentations on MIC3.

## 2021-2022 Georgia End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following:

- Dr. William C. Hardin, Superintendent, Camden County Schools
- Col. Patricia Ross, Military Family Education Liaison
- Richard Woods, State School Superintendent, Georgia Department of Education
- Merryhunter Hipp, Education Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor
- Melissa Barrickman, School Liaison Officer, Fort Gordon, United States Army
- Cynthia Bishop, School Liaison Officer, Fort Gordon, United States Army
- Clainetta Jefferson, School Liaison Officer, Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base
- Darren Hill, School Liaison Officer, Moody Air Force Base, United States Air Force
- Latreesa Perryman, School Liaison Officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base – Albany
- Greg Cook, School Liaison Officer, Fort Stewart, United States Army
- Renee Daughtry, School Liaison Officer, Robins Air Force Base, United States Air Force
- The contact for issues related to the Compact in my state is:
- Dr. William C. Hardin, c/o Camden County Schools, 311 South East Street, Kingsland, GA 31548, whardin@camden.k12.ga.us, ph 912.467.3101

### Activities:

- The Georgia State Council met June 22, 2022. Discussion included:
- Welcome and opening remarks from Commissioner Will Hardin; MFEL Patricia Ross; and State Superintendent Richard Woods.

### Presentations:

- Nicole Russell – Executive Director, National Association of Federally Impacted Schools
- Cherise Imai - Executive Director, MIC3
- Rachale LaVoie - Military Student & Family Specialist, Georgia Department of Education
- Matt Cardoza - Director of External affairs, Georgia Department of Education

Respectfully Submitted By,

Dr. William C. Hardin, Commissioner

**END OF YEAR REPORT FOR FY2022**  
**FILED VIA ONLINE FORM**

**Commission End of Year Report Form completed by  
Kathleen Berg, Compact Commissioner for Hawaii**

**The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following: \***

Brig Gen (Ret) Kathleen Berg, Hawaii State Commissioner (10/2009)  
Cherry Okahara, Military Liaison, Hawaii Department of Education (7/2016)  
Governor David Ige, State of Hawaii (1/2015)  
Keith Hayashi, State Superintendent, Hawaii Department of Education (8/2021)  
Robert Davis, Complex Area Superintendent, Mililani-Leilehua-Waialua Complex, Hawaii Department of Education (1/2017)  
John Erickson, Complex Area Superintendent, Moanalua-Radford-Aiea Complex, Hawaii Department of Education (8/2013)  
Lanelle Hibbs, Complex Area Superintendent, Kailua-Kalaheo Complex, Hawaii Department of Education (7/2015)  
Sean Tajima, Complex Area Superintendent, Campbell-Kapolei Complex, Hawaii Department of Education (7/2018)  
Raymond Fujino, Executive Director, Oahu Interscholastic Association (5/2015)  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Hawaii State Legislature, Senate Committee on Education (1/2015)  
Representative Justin Woodson, Hawaii State Legislature, House of Representatives Committee on Education (3/2017)  
COL Dan Misigoy, USA, Commander, US Army Garrison Hawaii (9/2020)  
CAPT Darren Guenther, USN, Chief of Staff, Navy Region Hawaii (8/2019)  
Col Michael Staples, USAF, Commander, 647th AB Group, 15th Wing & Deputy Commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (7/2021)  
Col Angenene Robertson, Director, Manpower and Personnel, US Indo-Pacific Command (5/2021)  
Col Speros Koumparakis, USMC Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Base Hawaii (9/2020)  
CDR Jarod Toczko, USCG, Resources Division Officer, US Coast Guard District 14 (9/2020)  
Wendy Nakasone-Kalani, School Liaison Officer, US Army Garrison Hawaii (Appointed by the Hawaii Education Liaison Officers)

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Cherry Okahara, Military Liaison, Hawaii Department of Education, cherry.okahara@k12.hi.us, ph 808.271.5724

**Please provide a summary of accomplishments, activities, and presentations for the previous year in the blank spaces provided below.**

## **Accomplishments \***

During FY22 (1 Jul 2021–30 Jun 2022), accomplishments included the following:

--Preparation of a 10-page report, "MIC3 Hawaii State Commissioner Report on the Hawaii State Council Position on the National Guard and Reserve" 31 August 2021, that described the issue and task, the data collection process in Hawaii and the results, the differences between relocations among the Reserve members and the National Guard members, and the state's position and rationale. The report was submitted to the MIC3 National Office as required and distributed to Hawaii State Council members, as well as to members of the Joint Venture Education Forum (a formal partnership between the Hawaii Department of Education and the United States Indo-Pacific Command that meets regularly throughout the year and with which the Hawaii State Council works closely--most members of the Council are also members of JVEF).

--Resolution of a Kindergarten continuation case in Hawaii that also provided needed clarification of SEC 3.102(b) of the Compact Rules that uses the phrase "... from an accredited school in the sending State" by requesting a legal advisory opinion about the Compact's accreditation requirement and the definition of "accreditation" as used in this rule.

--Participation with JVEF in celebrating Month of the Military Child and recognizing various events and activities at military-impacted schools in Hawaii that honored the resilience of military children. Events captured in photographs presented to the JVEF meeting on 2 Jun 2022 included a parade of military families, presentation of lei to children at the school entrance by service members, and origami making.

## **Activities \***

Activities during FY2022 (1 Jul 2021–30 Jun 2022) included the following:

--The Hawaii State Council met virtually via WebEx on 19 Jul 2021 to complete the development started earlier in the year of the state position on Compact coverage for the National Guard & Reserve (NGR) in preparation for voting at the 2021 MIC3 Annual Business Meeting in Oct. Agenda items included MIC3 Executive Director Imai's presentation on the NGR issue and options, report on data collection of relevant NGR interstate moves in Hawaii, and the proposed state position.

--Military Interstate Compact 101 Training was presented by the MIC3 National Office for Hawaii DOE department staff; complex area superintendents, principals, counselors, registrars, and transition coordinators; military family support providers; and parents in Dec 2021.

## **Presentations \***

During FY22 (1 Jul 2021 – 30 Jun 2022) presentations and briefs were provided at the following events and meetings by State Commissioner Berg and/or HIDOE Military Liaison Okahara:

--Pearl City Waipahu Complex Principals Meeting – 21 Sep 2021 (Okahara)

--Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) Liaison Member Meeting – 14 Oct 2021 (Berg)

--Office visit with Col Staples and CAPT Guenther, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam – 17 Nov 2021 (Berg and Okahara)

--Transition Coordinator Talk Story & Training Time – 19 Jan 2022 (Okahara and School Liaison Officers)

--Meet and greet with Mrs. Hollyanne Milley (wife of General Mark Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) and First Lady of Hawaii Dawn Amano-Ige – 28 Mar 2022 (Okahara)

--Office visit and brief for US Coast Guard: CDR ten Berge, CDR Tozcko, and CAPT Joca – 18 May 2022 (Berg and Okahara)

## 2021-2022 Idaho End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following members. Please update our MIC3 Idaho webpage.

- Joel Wilson, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Idaho State Department of Education
- Senator Steven P. Thayn, Chairman Senate Education Committee
- Representative Lance Clow, Chairman House Education Committee
- Sherri Ybarra, State Superintendent, Idaho Department of Education
- James Gilbert, Superintendent, Mountain Home School District
- COL. Jamaal E. Mays, Deputy Commander for Support Wing-366 Fighter Wing
- Allen W. Nicksich, Military Family Education Liaison

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:

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2. Peter McPherson, Chief Deputy Superintendent, Idaho State Department of Education, 650 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83720-0027, [pmcpherson@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:pmcpherson@sde.idaho.gov), ph 208.332.6814

Meetings:

- The Idaho State Council met once on April 8, 2021. All members were present. ([Minutes](#) were sent to the national office i and are posted on our webpage.)
- Discussion included:
  - Should the Compact be expanded to include dependents of the national guard and reserves beyond those covered under Title 10 (active duty)?
  - Planning for Month of the Military Child/Purple Up! (April 21, 2022)

In August 2021, Governor Brad Little appointed me as the MIC3 State Compact Commissioner replacing Tim McMurtrey who has retired from the Idaho Department of Education as of July.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Joel Wilson  
Deputy Superintendent of Operations  
Idaho State Department of Education

and

Idaho Compact Commissioner, Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for  
Military Children

## Illinois End-of-Year Report 2021-22

First Name: Darcy  
Last Name: Benway  
I am the Compact Commissioner for: Illinois  
The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following:  
Mr Jeffrey Aranowski Executive Director for Safe and Healthy Climate Illinois State Board of Education  
Dr Darcy Benway Illinois State Commissioner O'Fallon Township High School Superintendent  
Ms Katrina Cunningham Student Care Illinois State Board of Education  
Ms Suzanne Diener North Chicago School District 187  
Dr Cindy Doil School Liaison Officer Scott AFB  
Ms Amy Donathan School MFLC at Scott Air Force Base Scott AFB, IL  
Ms Amelia "Amy" Ent Child & Youth Program Coordinator Illinois National Guard  
Dr Craig Fiegel Superintendent Mascoutah School District 19  
Mr Kraig Garber Assistant Executive Director Illinois High School Association S (IHSA)  
Col Jason Glynn Illinois Military Representative 375 Mission Support Group Commander  
Ms Tsoetsy Harris Lead Child & Youth Program Coordinator Dynamic Systems Technology, Inc.  
Ms Carrie Hruby Superintendent O'Fallon School District 90  
Ms Cherise Imai Executive Director Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)  
Rep Jeff Keicher State Representative for Illinois' 70th District Illinois State Legislature  
Mr Michael Legler Director, State Family Programs Illinois Army National Guard  
Mr David Lehfield School Liaison Officer Naval Station Great Lakes  
Ms Carrie Norwood Director of Programs USO of Illinois  
Ms Laura O'Brien School Liaison Officer Rock Island Arsenal  
Ms Karen Perez-Torres Field Programs Coordinator USO of Illinois



Dr John Price Superintendent North Chicago School District 187  
Mr James Rickel Defense-State Liaison Defense-State Liaison  
Central (IL, IN, MI, ND, OH, SD, WI, WV)  
Dr Rachel Savage Superintendent Moline-Coal Valley School  
District 40  
Mrs Cheryl Stutzman Teacher O'Fallon School District 90  
Ms Molly Uhe-Edmonds Illinois State Board of Education  
State Senator Chuck Weaver Illinois State Senator , 37th District  
Ms Ebony Wilson North Chicago School District 187  
Ms Laura Yarber Principal Holy Childhood School

Two points of contact for  
issues related to the  
Compact in my state are:

Dr Darcy Benway  
Dr Cindy Doil

Accomplishments:

There were many meetings of the subcommittee of the Illinois  
MIC3 State Council throughout 2021 and throughout Jan-May  
2022 authoring the criteria for earning the Purple Star designation  
recognizing those schools which go above and beyond to support  
military-connected students. These criteria were presented to the  
entire State Council in May and will be discussed at the next  
meeting of the Illinois State Council.

The School Liaison Officers at the military installations throughout  
Illinois have been able to resolve any MIC3 issues at their level  
and/or brought the issue to the Commissioner who has been able  
to assist in resolving issues resulting in not needing to involve the  
national office.

The State Council supported the Month of the Military Child in  
April.

The Illinois State Board of Education is establishing a web site for  
schools to apply for the Purple Star designation.

Activities:

The State Council is forming a subcommittee to discuss how to  
best promote knowledge of compact provisions throughout the  
state.

The Illinois State Board of Education has developed an electronic  
form to apply for the Purple Star designation and is developing a  
web site dedicated to the Purple Star Program.

The Illinois State Board of Education is working on promoting the  
military student identifier.

Presentations:

The Illinois State Commissioner is available to present to school personnel and organizations as requested.

The School Liaison Officers conduct training on the Interstate Compact regularly throughout the year.

**MIC3 Indiana State  
2021-2022 End-of-Year Report  
June 30, 2022**

**State Council Members**

- Brian Murphy, Indiana MIC3 Commissioner/Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) Chief of Staff
- Commander James L. Smith, Commanding Officer of NSA Crane, and Military Representative to the Council
- David Lehfeld, School Liaison Officer, U.S. Navy
- Senator Jeff Raatz, Chairman Senate Education Committee
- Dr. Timothy Edsell, Superintendent, Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson United School Corporation
- Courtney Hott, IDOE Director of Student, Family, and School Engagement
- Steve Balko, IDOE Director of School Building Safety

**Meeting Dates**

The council met on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. The minutes have been provided to the MIC3 National Office and are posted on our [webpage](#).

**Secondary Point of Contact**

David Lehfeld

Navy School Liaison

Crane Naval Support Activity

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**Past Year Highlights**

- Commissioner Murphy was appointed to as the state compact commissioner in November 2021. He is the first compact commissioner for the state.
- The inaugural state council meeting was held on July 12, 2022. A press release was drafted and disseminated to celebrate the historic event.
- Two additional members from the IDOE were included on the council to ensure support and to coordinate services across the agency.
  - Director of Student, Family, and School Engagement
  - Director of School Building Safety
- The council plans to meet twice annually. Additional meetings will be scheduled as desired.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Brian Murphy

MIC3 Indiana State Commissioner

## Iowa End-of-Year Report FY2021-2022

First Name: Leah  
Last Name: Johnson  
I am the Compact Commissioner for: Iowa  
The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following: Commissioner: Leah Johnson, primary POC  
Board Member: Dennis D. Harden, secondary POC  
Military Family Education Liaison: Chris Cox  
State Council Member: Martha Kester  
State Council Member: Laura Kacer  
Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:: Commissioner Leah Johnson and Dennis Harden  
Accomplishments: Commissioner attended Fall Family Festival October 2021; Proclamation for Month of the Military Child signed by Governor.  
Activities: State Council held annual meeting April 6th, 2022.  
Presentations: N/A



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June 28, 2022

Ms. Cherise Imai  
Executive Director  
Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission  
1776 Avenue of the States  
Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Ms. Imai,

The following information is provided in accordance with MIC3 Policy 01-2017, state coordination, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Points of contact for the Kansas State Council are myself and Sherry Root, Kansas State Department of Education. Ms. Root may be reached at 785-296-3871 or via e-mail at [sroot@ksde.org](mailto:sroot@ksde.org).

The Kansas Military Child Education Council (Council) held its annual meeting by ZOOM on May 12, 2022. The agenda and minutes for that meeting are being submitted with this letter and are posted on the Kansas Military Families [website](#).

The Council reviewed events of the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting, including officer elections, committee reports, and the annual budget. In addition, the Council reviewed the MIC3 Strategic Plan and discussed its implications for students in Kansas. The dues for FY23 were also reviewed. An increase in the amount was seen as good news, as that is indicative of an increase in the number of military connected students in Kansas.

The State Council again discussed the proposal to bring children of National Guard and Reserve soldiers into the Compact, and reviewed the clarification provided by MIC3 legal counsel. The State Council continues to believe no further action is necessary by the Commission and no change should be made to the Compact.

Discussion was also held about implementing a statewide Purple Star School program through the Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE). While the Council understands that Purple Star is not an initiative of MIC3, members were interested in drafting requirements for participation in the program and presenting it to KSBE for consideration next fall. Those members have continued to meet, outside the auspices of the Council, to draft guidelines. Launching the Purple Stars Program at the state level will undoubtedly be a major initiative for the coming year.

With concerns about COVID-19 easing a bit, mobility returned for military families. Despite the increased movement, very few issues were raised to the state level for resolution regarding military connected students. Parents, teachers, administrators, military staff and School Liaison Officers are to be commended for helping students work through an extremely challenging and unprecedented time.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Craig Neuenswander". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

S. Craig Neuenswander  
Commissioner, Kansas State Council



## KENTUCKY STATE COUNCIL MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN'S COMPACT COMMISSION

**ANDY BESHEAR**  
Governor

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**STEVEN P. BULLARD**  
Commissioner

**TO:** Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)

**FROM:** Brigadier General Steven P. Bullard, USAF Retired  
Commissioner, Kentucky State Council

**DATE:** June 30, 2022 (covers period 1 July 2021-30 June 2022)

**SUBJECT:** 2022 Annual Report on Kentucky MIC3 State Council (<https://mic3.net/state/kentucky/>)

**PURPOSE:** To provide an annual report summarizing the Commonwealth of Kentucky's State Council activities, to include membership and key points of contact

### State Council Roster

- Brig Gen (USAF Ret.) Steven P. Bullard, State Council Commissioner
- Commissioner Jason E. Glass, Kentucky Department of Education
- Colonel Lance O'Bryan, USA, Garrison Commander, Fort Knox, Kentucky
- Senator Mike Wilson, Kentucky General Assembly
- Representative Myron Dossett, Kentucky General Assembly
- Mr. Chris Bentzel, Superintendent, Christian County Public Schools
- Ms. Teresa Morgan, Superintendent, Hardin County Schools
- Ms. Tracy Goff-Herman, Academic Program Manager, Kentucky Department of Education

### State Council Point of Contact

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### **Activities of the State Council**

#### **MIC3 Annual Conference** (November 4-5, 2021; virtual)

Kentucky State Council Commissioner Bullard attended the annual conference via Zoom teleconference. In November 2021. For the second consecutive COVID-impacted year, the conference was held virtually. Highlights included a keynote address by U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona, reports by MIC3 elected officials, committee chairs and ex-officio members, and the installation of new chair Laura Anastasio (Connecticut), succeeding Don Kaminar (Arkansas). Chair Anastasio announced the appointment of Commissioner Bullard to serve as the national Compliance Committee Chair. Commissioner Bullard intends to participate in person at the 2022 MIC3 annual meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana this November. He reminded Kentucky MIC3 commissioner members that anyone associated with MIC3 may attend these meetings, not just commissioners, and urged our Fort Campbell and Fort Knox liaisons to consider attending. The conference also highlighted our two outstanding videos from 2021, which were universally acknowledged as the best submitted across the nation.

- Governor and First Lady Beshear's video
  - Link – [https://youtu.be/BA\\_sQDHvb5k](https://youtu.be/BA_sQDHvb5k)
- Army approved joint Fort Campbell-Governor/First Lady video
  - Link – <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=771687410212902>

Bullard added that he discovered during the November MIC3 Annual Business Meeting that he had failed to submit Kentucky's National Guard/Reserve Inclusion Position Statement in December 2020. He thought he had; however, he saw in the new national MIC3 submissions tracking pie chart that it was blank. Checking up, he found he had prepped the email but forgot to hit send. That's rectified now, he said. There was no negative impact because the national assessment remains ongoing, he said.

#### **State Council Annual Meeting** (January 18, 2022; virtual)

The State Council conducted its annual meeting on January 18, 2022 through Zoom video teleconference due to the ongoing COVID crisis. In Kentucky, per direction of the governor, the KCMA executive director serves as the state commissioner for this national program. We also are required to have a Kentucky Department of Education representative, which is currently Tracy Goff-Herman. Bullard noted that MIC3, which ensures smooth transfer to new school districts, is very effective here in Kentucky. We have a great partnership with Kentucky Department of Education and our DODEA school liaisons at Fort Knox and Fort Campbell. All elements are going well, he briefed.

Those present included Commissioner Bullard, Kentucky Department of Education MIC3 Representative Tracy Goff-Herman, Military MIC3 Representative Colonel Lance O'Bryan (Fort Knox Garrison Commander), Command Sergeant Major William Fogle (Fort Knox Command Sergeant Major), Christian County Public Schools Superintendent Chris Bentzel, Dr. Dallas Kratzer (Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs, or KCMA), Stacey Shane (KCMA). State Senator Mike Wilson and State Representative Myron Dossett were unable to attend to due Kentucky General Assembly meetings. Joining late by phone/teams/email were Hardin County Schools Superintendent Teresa Morgan and Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer Melissa Silva, while Fort Knox



School Liaison Officer Brenda Weatherington followed up immediately afterwards with her input and was briefed on the meeting by Commissioner Bullard.

Bullard noted the loss this summer of Kentucky MIC3 State Council member Senator Tom Buford. Kentucky's MIC3 State Council was created by the Kentucky General Assembly during their 2008 session, through Senate Bill 68, sponsored by Sen. Buford. He was one of two legislative members of the Kentucky MIC3 State Council, along with State Rep. Myron Dossett. Sen. Buford has been succeeded by Sen. Wilson, who is both a Marine veteran and a member of Senate leadership. MIC3 has provided Kentucky a certificate of recognition and MIC3 coin for presentation to Sen. Buford's family. Bullard is coordinating with Sen. Wilson for a presentation, most likely coming in the summer of 2022 during the Joint Interim Committee period. That way both Senate and House members can be present.

Cherise Imai, National MIC3 Executive Director, presented an overview of current national MIC3 programs and reviewed the 2021 Annual Business Meeting, which, for the second consecutive COVID-impacted year, was held virtually in November. Highlights included a keynote address by U.S. Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona, reports by MIC3 elected officials, committee chairs and ex-officio members, and the installation of new chair Laura Anastasio (Connecticut), succeeding Don Kaminar (Arkansas). She noted the Kentucky Commissioner Bullard has been installed as the new national Compliance Committee chair, which also places him on the Executive Committee.

Bullard added that the MIC3 Compliance Committee meets bimonthly and the Executive Committee monthly, currently by Zoom. He said he looks forward to learning more about MIC3 from a national perspective. From my perspective, said, it's great to see MIC3 taking hold nationally, with almost every state actively participating. We are working towards 100 percent active participation and completion of annual activities. It's a challenge with 50 states but we're very close, he stressed.

He apologized for postponing the meeting from December, saying December is much preferred because the legislature is now in session and schools are busy with second semester start-up. However, he said, a short-notice Governor's Cabinet meeting came up, driving the postponement. We intend to return to December this Fall, he said. He added that the national MIC3 continues to assess the potential for including the National Guard and Reserves in the MIC3 compact, saying Kentucky favors inclusion, if it can be accomplished without a significant related dues increase. In the interim, he noted, Kentucky does not distinguish the type of military participation, since National Guard cases are rare and tend to be internal to the Commonwealth. He noted full-time Kentucky Guard personnel do move around the Commonwealth, as they change assignments routinely from east, west and central Kentucky locations. On rare occasions they also take national assignments, though those personnel usually transition to Title 10, or federal, status, which is covered by the compact. He noted the Joint Chiefs of Staff asked for the inclusion of the National Guard and Reserve into the MIC3 compact, as much for perception purposes as anything. The MIC3 National Guard and Reserves Task Force continues to assess extending applicability beyond Title 10 National Guard and Reserve dependents. It's easy on a state-specific level, Bullard noted, but becomes complicated when applying the principle to all 50 states. He noted that Kentucky already includes DOD civilian employees, a best-practice exception to the norm done properly through the General Assembly by adding the exception to the compact through stand-alone legislation versus modifying the compact itself.

Melissa Silva, the School Liaison Officer for Fort Campbell, announced she is being promoted into a new role. She was succeeded by Laquvia Garrett, contact information:  
School Liaison Officer, Child & Youth Services  
Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation  
2702 Michigan Ave  
Fort Campbell, Ky 42223  
Office:270-798-9219

Cell: 931-561-4204  
DSN: 336-9219

Bullard contacted national MIC3 for the appropriate update to both Kentucky and Tennessee's MIC3 state pages.

### **Supporting Legislation**

No MIC3 related legislation was considered by the 2022 Kentucky General Assembly. However, Bullard briefed the Interim Joint Committee (House and Senate) Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee in June 2022 that we intend to amend KRS 156.735 to add the National Guard and Reserve to the Kentucky-specific protections of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) during the 2023 General Assembly. This move has been requested by the Joint Chiefs of Staff for nationwide implementation. MIC3 staff is leaning towards accomplishing this, voluntarily, on a state-by-state basis. It is a no cost addition – rarely needed, but potential scenarios exist and support is already provided as a courtesy, when requested. Kentucky has already added DOD civilians to this protection – a national best practice.

### **Month of the Military Child**

Last year, a major highlight of our year was the completion of two videos and a Governor's proclamation honoring April's Month of the Military Child. The Governor and First Lady teamed up to film a follow-on video on their social media for 2022. In addition, at our invitation, First Lady Britanny Beshear visited Fort Knox DODEA schools on April 14 and Fort Campbell DODEA schools on April 22 to promote the Month of the Military Child, meet leaders of both installations, and promote military family readiness.

### **Annual State Dues Assessment**

Kentucky received its Fiscal Year 2023 dues assessment for membership in the MIC3 on May 2, 2022, in the amount of \$10,273, invoice number FY22-001KY, and submitted it for payment, per Governor-directed memo, to the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs. The current dues formula for FY23 is outlined in the Compact Rules, Chapter 200, Sec. 2.103 (<http://www.mic3.net/assets/rules-book-edits-20190905.pdf>). Payments are due by September 30, 2022. Payment in full was processed by the Department of Military Affairs on May 31, 2022 and was processed by MIC3 on June 8, 2022.

### **Administrative Requirements**

Gen. Bullard completed and submitted to MIC3 his mandatory Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest statements in January 2022.

### **FY22 Kentucky MIC3 Cases**

- Army family transferred mid-summer to the Fort Knox area for assignment to U.S. Army V Corps, unable to enroll their child into their local school in the Jefferson County (Louisville) Public Schools system, which is full
  - Child was placed on a waiting list in August 2021 and was initially forced to attend a school 25 minutes by car away, when the school of choice is right by their home
  - Child was prioritized on the waiting list and granted admission as soon as a slot opened, on 4 October 2021

- Army family transferred to Fort Knox Summer 2021 for assignment to U.S. Army Human Resources Command, son cut from the Elizabethtown High School Freshman Baseball Team
  - Child participated in off-season workouts but only showed up for the first day of a 3-day tryout in February 2022 as he was unaware it was a 3-day tryout due to communications failures
    - Coach cut the player from the team for not completing the tryout
    - Father (soldier) appealed for reconsideration but was denied
  - Process flowed from direct appeal to Brenda Weatherington to Commissioner Bullard to the MIC3 national staff, with no relief or accommodation
    - Parent appealed to MIC3 for punitive action
    - MIC3 legal counsel conducted a review of the case and discussed its findings with MIC3’s Executive Committee at its meeting on April 19, 2022
    - After considering the facts and circumstances of this matter, the Committee acting on behalf of MIC3, declined to take further action in this matter
    - Under the language of the Compact, the Elizabethtown Independent School District (EISD) is only required to “facilitate the opportunity for transitioning military children’s inclusion in extracurricular activities”
    - Because the Compact’s requirements for local education agencies relating to a military student’s participation in extracurricular activities is extremely narrow in scope, the Committee concluded that that further action would not result in a finding of a violation; and most importantly, it would not provide the player with the relief sought from EISD
  - Per National Chair Laura Anastasio’s communication with the parent, this conclusion is not an endorsement of EISD’s conduct in this case; however, without clear evidence to support the claim that there was no facilitation of the opportunity to participate in the sport and therefore the Committee cannot take any further action in this matter

### **Military Student Identifier Update**

As part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements, the U.S. Department of Education requires school districts to identify students who are armed forces family members. This information is a voluntary submission by parents and guardians. Kentucky’s Student Information System (KSIS) includes a “Military Connections” tab to track guardian data for those who are active duty military personnel. A student is considered military connected if a parent or guardian is a member of the armed forces on active duty or serves on full-time National Guard duty. KDE continues to promote the importance of this data collection to public schools and districts.

Information related to the collection of this data can be found at Kentucky Department of Education’s website: [KSIS Data Standard – Census \(Section G: Military Connections\)](#)  
[Sample Data Collection Form for Local Districts and Schools](#)

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## 2021-2022 Louisiana End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following members.

- Dr. Ernise Singleton
- Holly George
- Jacqueline Robertson
- Joan Hunt
- Margaret Nicolosi
- Sen. Gerald Boudreaux
- State Supt. Cade Brumley
- Supt. James Williams
- Supt. Mitch Downey
- Tiffany Koch

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:

- Ernise Singleton, [ernise.singleton@la.gov](mailto:ernise.singleton@la.gov), 225.342.3427
- Ken Bradford, [ken.bradford@la.gov](mailto:ken.bradford@la.gov)

Accomplishments:

- Established Purple Star Award Program for schools as a result of legislation enacted in 2021.

Activities:

- Promoted month of the military child in April 2022 with a social media campaign; collaborated with school liaison officers on tools and resources needed to assist successful transition of high school students; and provided technical assistance as needed to school systems needing help with Compact implementation.

Presentations

- Nothing to report

## 2021-2022 Maine End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following members

- Pender Makin Maine DOE Commissioner MIC3 Commissioner
- Sarah Forster Maine MIC3 Commissioner Designee Assistant Attorney General
- Daniel Chuhta Deputy Commissioner, Maine DOE
- Jessica Nixon Chief of Operations, Maine DOE
- Brandi Cota Military Family Education Liaison Project Manager, Maine Learning Technologies
- Heidi Sampson Maine House of Representatives
- Joseph Baldacci Maine Senate
- Major General Douglas Farnham Adjutant General & Commissioner, Department of Defense, Veterans & Emergency Mgmt.
- Scott Young Deputy Commissioner, Department of Defense, Veterans & Emergency Mgmt.
- Elizabeth Marcotte Lead Child & Youth Coordinator, ME National Guard
- Eric Waddell Superintendent Kittery Schools
- Jane Durgin Director of Special Services Kittery Schools
- Kristen Ferullo Military School Liaison Officer
- Commander Jeffrey Smith Deputy Commander, Base Operations PNSY - DOD Military Representative

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:

1. Sarah Forster
2. Brandi Cota

Accomplishments:

- We resolved a dispute over a kindergarten student who moved to another state which raised the issue of the language in the compact that speaks to "accredited" schools -- Maine does not accredit public schools, and we think other state public schools probably do not have accreditation either . . .

Activities

- We met on June 21, 2022



September 8, 2022

Cherise Imai  
Executive Director  
Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)

Dear Ms. Imai:

Pursuant to §7-1303 of the Education Article, MSAR #7598 and MSAR #8880, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) reports annually to the Legislature, Governor, Judiciary, and State Council of the member states concerning the activities of the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children during the preceding year. This letter also serves as an annual update to the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3). Such reports also include any recommendations that may have been adopted by the Interstate Commission. Maryland adopted the Compact in 2009 when the Maryland General Assembly added the Compact provisions to the Maryland Code.

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) is the national organization leading the work on educational opportunities for military children. The MIC3 is proud that all 50 states and the District of Columbia are members of the Interstate Compact. The Interstate Compact ensures the uniform treatment of military children transferring between states. 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, the Department of Education of each State, school administrators, and military families.

The military child faces many challenges as the military family transfers from one assignment to the next. The average military student faces transition more than twice during high school and most military children will attend six to nine different schools in their lives from kindergarten to 12th grade. The Compact seeks to make the transition easier for children of military families to ensure that they are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals.

In accordance with the requirement of the Education Article to report on the work of the Interstate Compact, Maryland conducted the Annual State Council Meeting on June 21, 2022. The meeting included an update on the inclusion of the National Guard in the Compact. Maryland continues to work with all military families in assisting with school transitions. The Commission provided a review of the typical cases that come to the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Commissioner. Through interactions with the families and the local education agencies (LEAs), transition questions or issues are resolved. A representative of the Maryland Installation Council expressed that commanders have expressed a desire to see more flexibility in children having access to a choice of specialty programs outside of the LEA in which they live. Maryland continues to require students to attend schools in the LEA in which the family lives.

Additional topics covered by the State Council included home schooling in Maryland, a review of the work of the Rules Committee, update on processes regarding athletics and other extracurricular activities for military children, and the Purple Star Legislation which was passed by the Maryland General Assembly in the 2022 Maryland Legislative Session. The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) related to Purple Star Schools are going before the State Board of Education on September 27, 2022, to seek Permission to Publish.

Maryland was represented at the virtual Annual Business Meeting and the Executive Committee Meetings by Mary L. Gable, Assistant State Superintendent of the Division of Student Support, Academic Enrichment, and Educational Policy. Ms. Gable is the Maryland State Commissioner and the Chairperson of the Rules Committee. As Commissioner, Ms. Gable annually shares information on the Interstate Compact with the Directors of Student Services and Coordinators of School Counselors across the 24 LEAs. Ms. Gable assists families and the LEAs when there are challenges in a student's transition.

Dr. Michael Markoe, during his tenure as Interim Superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools, represented the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland (PSSAM) at the State Council in June 2022 and planned to share the information on the Compact with all local Superintendents.

Information on the accomplishments of the Military Interstate Compact Commission can be found in the 2021 Annual Report.

The Interstate Compact operates under rules that were adopted by the Compact and each state. In order to make these rules available, a Compact Rules Desk Reference is available for each Commissioner. A copy of the rules can be found at: [https://mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Rules-Book-20190905\\_Second-Version\\_20211230.pdf](https://mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Rules-Book-20190905_Second-Version_20211230.pdf).

The Chairperson of the Commission continues to communicate through a monthly newsletter with each State Commissioner and Ex-Officio member of MIC3. A question considered by every State Council this year is the addition to the Compact of National Guard and reserve dependents beyond those under Title 10 active-duty status.

As a member of the Compact, Maryland's dues for FY 2022 were \$22,609 based on 19,660 students.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me by phone at 410-767-0472 or by email at [mary.gable@maryland.gov](mailto:mary.gable@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,



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Division of Student Support, Academic Enrichment, and Educational Policy  
Maryland State Department of Education  
Maryland Commissioner for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

**CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICER**

Jeff Riley, Commissioner

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

**MILITARY FAMILY EDUCATION LIAISON**

Christine Cowen, Military Connected Student Specialist Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

**MILITARY/DOD REPRESENTATIVE**

Col Katrina Stephens, Mission Support Group Commander, Hanscom AFB, United States Air Force

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Representative Ken Gordon, Massachusetts State House of Representatives

Becky McFall, Superintendent, Lincoln Public Schools

Thomas Moreau, Assistant Secretary of Policy and Planning - Designee for Secretary of Education Jeff Riley, Massachusetts Office of Education

Col Katrina Stephens, Mission Support Group Commander, Hanscom AFB, United States Air Force

CAPT Andrew Brown, Commander USCG Base Boston – Coast Guard Liaison

CAPT Sean Hannigan, Commander USCG Base Cape Cod – Coast Guard Liaison

Ex-Officio Members

Susan LaFlame - State Family Program Director, Military & Family Support Center  
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**Accomplishments:**

31 August 2021 – Massachusetts submitted required position paper on National Guard and Reserve Task Force recommending no action at this time.

4-5 November 2021 - Commissioner Orzalli and School Liaison Officer Laurel Wironen participated in MIC3 ABM.

30 November 2021 - State MIC3 Meeting was held virtually

19 April 2022 – Commissioner Orzalli met with new DOD Liaison Col Katrina Stephens, 66 Mission Support Group Commander, Hanscom AFB, United States Air Force and presented April as the Month of the Military Child Proclamation signed by Governor Baker and Lt Governor Polito.

19 May 2022 – LtCol Baysinger, Deputy Commander 66 Mission Support Group, presented Month of the Military Child Proclamation to Bedford High School Principal Heather Galante, and Bedford School Superintendent Phil Conrad.

**End of Year Report FY21  
June 2022**

**First Name** Michael

**Last Name** Price

**I am the Compact Commissioner for** Michigan

**The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following:**

1. Mr. Michael Price, Compact Commissioner, Senior Deputy Director, Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
2. Mr. Kevin Walters, State Department Manager, Michigan Department of Education
3. Dr. Michael Rice, State Superintendent
4. Mr. Bill Witt, Executive Branch Representative, Michigan Department of Education
5. Mr. Karl Paulson, School District Representative, Superintendent, St. Clair Shores Lakeview Public Schools
6. Ms. Jamie Palmer, School Liaison, Detroit Arsenal
7. LTC Jason Dye, Professor of Military Science, University of Michigan

**Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:**

1. Michael Price, Compact Commissioner, Senior Deputy Director, Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
2. Mr. Kevin Walters, State Department Manager, Michigan Department of Education

**Below please provide a summary of accomplishments, activities, and presentations for the previous year.**

**Accomplishments**

- The State Council added liaison to the council and LTC Jason Dye as the UoM PMS.. The council met once.
- The State Council supported Month of the Military Child activities in the state through attendance at events and obtaining a proclamation from the Governor.
- The State Council supports Purple Star State legislation in the Michigan legislature. The bill has passed the Senate and is referred to Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security Committees.

**Activities**

- The Michigan's State Council met in first quarter of FY 2022.
- The Council resolved one case involving the Compact. The military member's was connected to the school superintendent to resolve their concerns.

**Presentations**

- None

## 2021-2022 Minnesota End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following members.

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Accomplishments:

- Continued coordination between the Minnesota Department of Education on Month of the Military Child activities as well as prepping for a possible 2023-24 roll out of the Purple Star Schools program. Roll out has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Activities

- The State Council met five times in FY2022 in August 2021, November 2021, January 2022, March 2022, and May 2022.

## 2022-2023 Mississippi End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following members

1. Ms. Kristen Windham, MIC3 MS State Commissioner
2. State Representative Richard Bennett, House Education Chair
3. Dr. Kim Benton, MDE Superintendent
4. Mr. Marcus Boudreaux, Biloxi Superintendent
5. Dr. Dexter Brookins, Bureau Director, JROTC
6. State Senator Dennis Debar, Senate Education Chair
7. State Representative Kevin Felsher
8. Ms. Linda Gates, Civilian Columbus, MS
9. Mr. PJ Waldrop, Military Liaison, Governor Tate Reeves' Office

Ex-Officio members (non-voting)

1. Military Representative to the Council - CAPT Jeffery Powell, Commander NCBC Gulfport & USDOD Military Representative
2. Mr. Gerry Cross, School Liaison, Kessler Air Force Base
3. Mr. Larry Mullins, School Liaison, Meridian Naval Air Station
4. Ms. Joni Nalley, School Liaison, Columbus Air Force Base
5. Ms. Mona Odom, School Liaison, Gulfport Naval Air Station

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2. Second Point of Contact:  
TBD

Accomplishments:

- Held Mississippi's inaugural State Council meeting on August 12, 2022.

Activities

- Mississippi led record breaking Compact 101 Training in Columbus, Mississippi in August 2022.
- MIC3 offered training in September 2022 for Military Star School Program.

**Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission  
2022 Missouri Annual Report  
Commissioner Brian Henry**

**State Council Members:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Council Member</b>
Missouri State Senator	Justin Brown
Missouri Commissioner of Education	Dr. Margie Vandeven
Missouri Military Advocate	Harry Roberts
Missouri Commissioner	Dr. Brian Henry
Fort Leonard Wood Representative, Deputy Garrison Commander	Walter Mattil
Commission Member, Executive Director of the Sustainable Ozarks Partnership	Dorsey Newcomb
Commission Member, MCEC (ret.)	Joan Barrett
Commission Member, Director of Missouri State High School Activities Association	vacant
Commission Member, Superintendent of Knob Noster Schools (Whiteman AFB)	Dr. Jerrod Wheeler
Military Representative	Recently Vacated
Commission Member, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Jocelyn Strand
Commission Member, Warrensburg School District	John Finnane

**Missouri Points of Contact:**

Dr. Brian Henry, Superintendent of the Waynesville School District (Fort Leonard Wood) and Missouri Commissioner

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**2022 Missouri Accomplishments/Training:**

- Month of the Military Child Kick-off Event featuring Missouri First Lady Teresa Parson, Brigadier Naïve Knell, State Representative Bill Hardwick, Civilian Aid to the Secretary of the Army Keith Pritchard, and Missouri Commissioner of Education Dr. Margie Vandeven.
- Lighting of the Missouri Governor’s Mansion on April 20, 2022 to commemorate the Month of the Military Child.
- Salute to Service featuring Missouri Governor Mike Parson, Major General James Bonner, The Adjutant General to the Missouri National Guard Major General Levon E. Cumpton, which recognized students from across south central Missouri enlisting, entering ROTC, or receiving an appointment to one our nation’s service academies.
- Whitman Air Force Base/Knob Noster School District received a visit from First Lady Dr. Jill Biden and Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona.

- The Missouri Purple Star Program was launched in April 2022, and four school districts received this designation.
- Fall of 2021-2022 school year, Lindsey Dablow, MIC3 Operations and Training Associate, provided training to the Waynesville R-VI School District Guidance Team.



## 2021-2022 Montana End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following individuals. Please update our MIC3 MT webpage.

- Ray L. Shaw
- Col Christopher Karns, 341 MSG Commander, Malmstrom AFB, USDOD Military Representative
- Lisa Sapp, School Liaison, Malmstrom Air Force Base
- Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent, Montana Office of Public Instruction
- Mark Beckman, Executive Director, Montana High School Association
- Tom Moore, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools
- Representative Ed Buttrey, Montana House of Representatives
- Lieutenant Colonel John Bleile, LG USA, 95th TC OIC/S3, Montana Army National Guard

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Meetings/Activities:

- The MT State Council met once in person on April 12, 2022 to conduct official business. Discussion included:
  - Key messages and the purpose of the interstate compact
  - What the compact does and doesn't cover
  - Voted to add Brad Livingston, BG(R) to the MIC3 council
  - Update on Purple Star Schools and Campuses
- Attended the Air Force Education Summit on April 12, 2022 in Great Falls, MT. Several breakouts were held, including a session on Compact 101.
- The MT Office of Public Instruction (OPI) provided the opportunity to train educators at their annual summer institute held on the University of Montana school campus.

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## 2020-2021 Nebraska End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following members. Please update our MIC3 NE webpage.

- Dr. Matthew L. Blomstedt, Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)
- Brian Halstead, Compact Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)
- Nebraska Senator Lynne Walz, Nebraska Legislature
- Dr. Jeff Rippe, Superintendent, Bellevue Public Schools, Bellevue, NE
- Col. Jasin R. Cooley, Offutt Air Force Base 55<sup>th</sup> Wing Support Group Commander
- Sara Hulac, Military Family Education Liaison, Legal Counsel, Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:

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Meetings/Activities:

- The NE State Council met once on August 11, 2021. All members, with the exception of Senator Lynne Walz, were present. (Draft [Minutes](#) will be sent to the national office and will be posted on our MIC3 NE NDE webpage.)
  - Discussion included:
    - Key messages and the purpose of the interstate compact
    - Key issues affecting military students
    - What the compact does and doesn't cover
    - Review and develop a position of expanding language in the MIC3 Compact to include Guard and Reserve personnel

Respectfully Submitted By,

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## Nevada End-of-Year Report 2021-22

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The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following: Felicia Gonzales, State Commissioner, Nevada Department of Education  
Col. Anthony Figiera, Military/DOD Representative, Nellis AFB, Commander, 99 MSG  
Assemblywoman Brittney Miller, Legislative Commission Representative  
Steve Staggs, Superintendent, Clark County School District  
Summer Stephens, Superintendent Churchill County School District  
Marva Cleven, Superintendent Lyon County School District  
Ryan Wickes, Child and Youth Lead Coordinator, Nevada National Guard  
Nicole Jullanant, NAS Fallon School Liaison Officer  
Carol Padilla, AFB Nellis and Creech, School Liaison Officer  
Holly Payne, Mountain Warfare Training Center School Liaison Officer  
KellyLynn Charles, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Representative

Non-voting  
Cecile Yucata, Navy Region Southwest Regional School Liaison Officer  
Kelli May Douglas, SW Regional School Liaison Officer, Marine Corps Installations West  
Eric Killian, Area Director for 4-H Cooperative Extension University of Reno, Military Liaison  
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Accomplishments: Developed a publicly accessible Google Website Military Children in Our Schools and Compact course.

Activities:

Improved and expanded a media plan to further inform the public regarding the Purple Star Schools Program and how the program supports Nevada's Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

Awarded certificates, display banners, and professional learning books to 13 new Purple Star Schools in April 2022.

Presented two school districts with one hundred percent of schools designated Purple Star Schools the Purple Star School District award.

State Council Commissioner Gonzales participated in the virtual November 4 & 5, 2021 MIC3 Annual Business Meeting.

Held State Council meeting November 10, 2021.

State Council Commissioner Gonzales attended bi-monthly MIC3 Communications and Outreach meetings.

Nevada Governor Sisolak proclaimed April 2022 the Month of the Military Child.

Attended virtual Purple Star Schools Town Halls in January and February of 2022.

Five Nevada MIC3 Council members and five educational stakeholders served on the Purple Star Schools application review panel during the April 2022 award cycle.

During the April 21, 2022, State Board of Education meeting, the Nevada Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jhone Ebert, recognized April as the Month of the Military Child and announced Purple Up! Day in Nevada.

The Nevada Department of Education celebrated the Nevada Month of the Military Child in April by wearing purple on April 20, 2022.

Purple Star School award ceremonies were attended by local Veterans of Foreign War and American Legion posts, military-connected students and families, JROTC classes, base commanders, district superintendents, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. All school events are used to highlight the Compact.

The Purple Star School activities of numerous schools were spotlighted on local news channels and in newspapers.

What's Cool in School- NV Purple Star Schools Nov 2021

NV Purple Star Schools -April 2022

Purple Star School Districts - April 2022

What's Cool at School - Watson ES Operation Pillowcase

Presentations:

None



Annual MIC3 Report  
New Hampshire

June 10, 2022

Dear Executive Director Cherise Imai,

I am honored to submit the 2022 annual report on behalf of the New Hampshire State Council, supporting our students whose parents or guardians are active-duty military.

Over the last year, the Council has remained active in its support of the Compact under Title VIII of the New Hampshire RSAs.

Throughout the last year, the Council has been faced with the impact of Covid-19 on our membership and the responsibilities under our charge. After several postponed meetings, the Council met on May 6, 2022. Council members were provided highlights of the annual business meeting hosted by the National MIC3 organization, including the numerous resources available to schools and families. The Council also received a status update on the inclusion of National Guard and Reserves under the Military Interstate Compact. This continues to be a critical issue for New Hampshire, given the number of students – nearly 7,000 – whose parents are members of the National Guard/Reserves. When the Council looked at the data, it was clear that between New Hampshire's population and National Guard/Reserves, the impact was proportional to other areas in the country with a high concentration of military involved families.

The Council also viewed issues and concerns regarding IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) special education services and universal Pre-K as important topics to be addressed by the National MIC3 organization at the 2022 annual business meeting.

We are fortunate in New Hampshire to have Major General David J. Mikolaities and SSgt. Rick Frost support our efforts to recognize "Purple Star Schools." We still have more work to do to engage our schools in the initiative, but this year have made some progress. Special acknowledgement should be given to Concord, Londonderry, and Pinkerton Academy in Derry for their efforts in recognizing students of military families.

This year, we bade farewell to Commander Daniel Ettlich and his family, with gratitude for his support of MIC3 at the Navy Shipyard. We welcome Commander Jeffrey Smith, the new XO at the Shipyard. We all look forward to visiting the base in the near future. The Council was updated on the increase of over 2,000 people hired at the base, including additional military who have been assigned to the Navy Shipyard. In addition to this increase in military families at the Shipyard, we have been informed that 159 Airmen have been assigned to Pease Airforce base for refueling.

The Council has recommended a Tri State meeting (New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont) on August 16 to share the work of their respective Councils.

In addition to the Tri-State meeting, the Council has recommended a renewed effort to provide training to School Superintendents, Principals, Guidance, and other staff.

In New Hampshire we are fortunate to have a close-knit educational community, resulting in our ability to be responsive to students and families as they transition into new schools and communities.

A special thanks to Kristen Ferullo, the student liaison officer for our students and families. Kristen has been of incredible assistance to the State Council and to me as the State Commissioner.

I am grateful for the years of service that Council members have given to our students and their families across the state, and I am honored to serve as the New Hampshire State Commissioner.

Respectfully,

Kathleen Murphy  
*NH MIC3 Commissioner*

**MIC3 New Jersey State  
2021-2022 End-of-Year Report**

## State Council Members

Tony Trongone – Superintendent, Millville Public Schools  
Honorable Cleopatra G. Tucker - Legislative Branch Representative  
Jeffrey L. Pierson - Executive Branch Representative  
James Sarruda Ed.D.- Superintendent of S.D. w/ High Concentration of Military Children  
Danielle Bracco - Public Member  
April Boatner-Allen - Military Installation Representative

## Meeting Dates

The council met on August 16, 2022. The minutes will be provided to the MIC3 National Office and will be posted.

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## Past Year Highlights

- Additional State School Aid Funding Military Connected school districts
- for Our schools celebrated the month of the military child in April 2021 by holding special events, recognitions for military children and families.
- We conducted training on the Compact for school districts and regional education personnel on the rules and regulations.
- Our school liaison officers engage and work with schools to resolve cases and issues as they arise. They also assist with the transition of military students in and out of our installation areas.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Tony Trongone  
MIC3 New Jersey State Commissioner



## 2021-2022 New Mexico End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following members:

- Beth Mann, Ex-Officio Member
- Teresa Ferenczhalmy, NM MIC3 Commissioner
- Major General Kenneth Nava, Adjutant General, New Mexico National Guard
- Sonya Smith, Secretary for Veterans Affairs, New Mexico
- Sally Marquez, Executive Director, New Mexico Activities Association
- Major General Kenneth Nava, Adjutant General, New Mexico National Guard
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Accomplishments:

- There were events at all military installations throughout April to celebrate Month of the Military Child. The New Mexico Governor wrote a proclamation declaring April as Month of the Military Child throughout New Mexico. This proclamation was read at all installations to kick-off the month.

Activities:

- The New Mexico State Council meeting was held on October 5, 2021.
- The NM Commissioner, all 3 School Liaisons and the Military Family Liaison attended the virtual 2021 ABM.

Presentations:

- The NM Commissioner and 3 SLs did attend a Military Installation Committee meeting and gave presentations covering the Compact, School Liaison roles, Purple Star Program, and held a Q&A with committee members.

Challenges:

We had some personnel changes at the NM Public Education Department which have slowed down the progress that the State Council had planned for this year. It has been a challenge to get back in contact with NM PED and reach the new personnel to get back on track in the state. We are not quite back to where we were at the beginning of the year but I have not given up. I will continue to provide updates to the National Office as progress is made.

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*NEW YORK STATE INTERSTATE COMPACT – MILITARY CHILDREN*

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June 30, 2022

**To:** MIC-3 Leadership

**From:** Dr. Debra Jackson, NYS Commissioner

**Re:** Summary Report on the New York State Interstate Council for Military Children as required by MIC-3 policy

**Policy:** By June 30 of each year, member States shall submit the following information regarding their State Council to the national office:

- a) contact information
- b) roster of active members and voting members\*
- c) meeting schedule<sup>+</sup>
- d) key activities

**Contact Information**

- a. The primary contact for the New York State Council is Dr. Debra Jackson, Compact Commissioner [djackson2@me.com](mailto:djackson2@me.com)
- b. The secondary contact is Mr. Stephen Todd, District Superintendent: Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) [stodd@boces.com](mailto:stodd@boces.com) 20104 State Route 3, Watertown New York 13601.
- c. The NYS Interstate Council has an active roster of members as named below\*. Representation includes: the New York State Education Department, New York State Higher Education Institutions, School District Leaders, Office of Veterans Affairs, New York State Public High School Athletic Association, New York State School Music Association, Military Installations, School Liaison Officers, the State Legislature, and the Governor's Office.

## Meeting Schedule:

- a. The New York State Council met for the school year 2021/2022 on **October 13, 2021**, and on **April 6, 2022**. The meetings were held via Zoom due to continuing COVID recommendations. Meetings are open to the public in compliance with open meeting law. Agendas and Minutes are posted on the MIC-3 website <https://mic3.net>.
- b. A calendar for future New York State Interstate Compact Meetings has been established through 2023<sup>+</sup>. All future meetings will be held in-person at the NYS Museum in Albany.

## Notable Activities:

- a. April as the Month of the Military Child was highlighted on the NYSED website. School district personnel received access to information and resources thanks to the work of the NYSED Office of Curriculum and Instruction. The New York State Education Department highlighted local *Month of the Military Child* and *Purple Up! Day* celebrations by including stories and *Purple Up!* celebrations on the [Month of the Military Child webpage](#). Melissa Montague, who is an active member, led this work.
- b. Military student “stories” continue to be included in the NYS edition of *Staying Connected*. In working toward stronger communication about the NYS Interstate Compact the newsletter is a vehicle for outreach to NYS educators. The NYSED communications office distributes this newsletter.
- c. Dr. Debra Jackson, in her role as NYS Compact Commissioner, served on the MIC-3 Finance committee, the MIC-3 Leadership committee as vice chair, and as facilitator of the re-structured MIC-3 Tier 2 meetings.
- d. The Governor’s Office of Appointments vetted and approved Heather Evangelista of West Point to the position of “A representative of military families appointed by the Governor”. She is now participating as a voting member. The Evangelista appointment was signed by Governor Hochul.
- e. The prior nominations made to the Governor’s Office of Appointments to fill the current open voting positions have yet to be approved.
  - 1) A representative from a military installation appointed by the Governor
  - 2) A representative appointed by the governor
- f. Requests for appointments effective July 1, 2022, due to retirements are as follows:

- 1) A superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children appointed by the commissioner, currently held by Dr. Frank Sheboy.
  - 2) A designated representative of the NYS Commissioner of Education, Dr. Betty Rosa, currently held by Marybeth Casey, Assistant Commissioner of Standards and Instructional Programs.
- g. The Council acknowledged the work by Robert G. Conway, Jr. who retired in 2021. Bob's input and expertise are missed by all. His early foundational work with the Council has enabled our NYS Council to develop as a true working team.
- h. Student placement/graduation requirements/enrollment matters continue to be resolved on a case-by-case examination. Resolutions are reviewed at the meetings as an after-action conversation. Between meetings, emails and phone conversations assist with student transitions as families enter and exit New York State public schools. Most concerns during the 2021-2022 year were immediately resolved with a single communication to the school or district leadership. The council commented that the willingness of council members to facilitate these conversations made a difference statewide for military impacted students.

A special thanks to the Director and Assistant Director of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for their assistance with the athletic matters on mid-year transfers.

Of note, with districts citing local control, the Council is exploring if there is a need to create new regulations regarding end-of-course completion when a student exits prior to the Regents exam yet the student completes the course work. Practices currently vary statewide. This topic is under study as it affects military students who transfer in late May or June.

- i. The Council reviewed the Purple Star Legislation, A7083, which was introduced by Assembly Member Chris Burdick on April 21, 2021. Currently the bill does not have a Senate companion bill and does not include funding for implementation. Discussion indicated programs that support military families require financial support beyond the volunteer support for full execution.
- j. The newly implemented Education Law §3304 was signed by Governor Hochul on November 11<sup>th</sup>, Chapter 605 Laws of 2021. The law was reviewed by the Council for enacting best implementation practices to support Districts. Clarification on expectations is now included in the Q/A document on the SED website. §3304 supports incoming military families by requiring districts to approve registration and electronically accept documents prior to relocation. Parents are no longer required to register in person. This legislation will help our military families with early enrollment and hence their child's ability to develop their academic schedule in a timely manner.

The significance of this topic was shared by Debra Jackson and Stephen Todd at the Fort Drum Educational Liaison Committee (FDELIC) meeting held virtually on March 23, 2022.

- k. The NYSED information page will now include the Military Child Education Coalition's School Quest Tool specifically designed for New York State transfers.
- l. Implementation of Section 80-5.28 to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education: Transitional J Certificate for Spouses of Individuals on Full-Time Active Duty with the Armed Forces Whose Permanent Duty Station is in NYS was reviewed and deemed successful. Appreciation to the Council members who worked to create and implement this regulation.
- m. The Council members continue to review the NYS response to the proposal by MIC-3 expanding Compact coverage to the National Guard and Reserve beyond service members in Title 10 status. Data collection and outreach is ongoing. Outside comment is welcomed and encouraged.
- n. All voting members appointed to the council are updated in JCOPE as New York State policymakers.

#### **Future scheduled meeting dates+**

October 12, 2022

March 29, 2023

October 11, 2023

#### **Roster of Members\***

##### **CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICER**

Dr. Betty Rosa, Commissioner of Education, New York State Education Department

##### **MILITARY FAMILY EDUCATION LIAISON**

Michi Carl, School Liaison Officer, West Point, United States Army

Wendy O'Sullivan, School Liaison Officer, Fort Drum, United States Army

##### **MILITARY/DOD REPRESENTATIVE**

COL Michael Yankovich, Academy Professor, USMA, West Point, United States Army

##### **NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER**

Dr. Debra Jackson\*, Interstate Compact Commissioner

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Lisa Beatha\*, University Director of Veteran Affairs, City University of New York

Dr. David Brown, President, New York State School Music Association

Michi Carl, School Liaison Officer, West Point, United States Army

Marybeth Casey\*, Assistant Commissioner of Standards and Instructional Programs, New York State Education Department

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## North Carolina End-of-Year Report 2021-22

First Name:	Nick
Last Name:	Sojka
I am the Compact Commissioner for:	North Carolina
The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following: :	Mrs. Catherine Truitt, Supt. of Public Instruction - Dr. Angie Mullennix, State Superintendent's Designee Mr. Nick Sojka, Commissioner (Governor's Appointment) Rep. Donnie Loftis, Chairman (Senate Appointment) Rep. John Szoka (House of Representatives Appointment) Mrs. Jamie Livengood - Military Liaison Counselor - Wayne County (N.C.) Schools
Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are::	Note: additional appointments are pending with the North Carolina State Board of Education (superintendent of a military-connected district and representative of the North Carolina School Boards Association)  Mr. Nick Sojka, Commissioner <a href="mailto:nickolassojka@ccs.k12.nc.us">nickolassojka@ccs.k12.nc.us</a> (910) 678-2304  Dr. Angie Mullennix, State Superintendent's Designee <a href="mailto:angie.mullennix@dpi.nc.gov">angie.mullennix@dpi.nc.gov</a> (984) 236-2751
Accomplishments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The Council provided a forum for a briefing on COVID-19 Impact Analysis for Military-Connected Students.</li><li>2. The Council introduced a new statewide dispute resolution policy for local districts to employ in MIC3 matters.</li><li>3. The Council obtained official Guard and Reserve support for a proposed state legislative change to bring Guard and Reserve families within the protections of the Compact.</li><li>4. The Council clarified custody/caretaker documentation requirements for deploying personnel in connection with the extensive deployments to strengthen NATO's eastern flank.</li><li>5. The Council continued to support expansion of Purple Star Award Recognitions for schools and districts throughout the state.</li></ol>
Activities:	The Council conducted well attended in-person, live-streamed meetings at the Education Building, Raleigh, NC on December 9, 2021 and March 22, 2022. State Superintendent Catherine Truitt addressed the Council on December 9, 2021.
Presentations:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Military Student Transcript Issues, NC Dept. of Public Instruction, 12/09/2021</li><li>2. North Carolina School Boards Association Military Families Policy, Dispute Resolution Provisions, Commissioner Sojka, 12/09/2021</li><li>3. SeymourJohnson AFB/Wayne County (NC) Schools On-base School</li></ol>



Initiative, Wayne County Schools, 12/09/2021

4. Military-Connected Students COVID-19 Impact Analysis, NC Dept. of Public Instruction, 03/22/2022.

5. 2021-2022 Purple Star Recognitions, Dr. Angie Mullennix, 03/22/2022

6. Custody/Caretaker Documentation for Deploying Personnel, Cumberland and Moore County (NC) Schools and Fort Bragg School Support Services, 03/22/2022.

## North Dakota End-of-Year Report 2021-22

First Name: Davina  
Last Name: French  
I am the Compact Commissioner for: North Dakota  
The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following: Kierston Baesler - President  
Aimee Gillig  
Jennifer Anderson  
Col Black  
Bridgett Smithers  
Cathy Lillis  
Jackie Huber  
Karen Karls  
Mark Vollmer  
Raquel Labardie  
Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are: Myself - Commissioner  
Aimee Gillig - SLO  
Accomplishments: The past year has been a slow reopening of business in the state. Our council met many times this year to work on establishing the Purple Star Program in North Dakota. Coordination with multiple states occurred so we could provide a hybrid version for our small state. This is where a majority of our efforts were focused.  
  
Although the MIC3 team met to work internally, we did not host an in-person official meeting.  
  
Activities: North Dakota has been researching and encouraging reach out to the "BLOOM PROGRAM thru NMFA" Description (Bloom is the place you can find comfort and advice about everything military kid related: from moving tips to the top things to do at your duty station. You can also read posts from our featured authors, often other military kids who want to share their stories and connect with their community. They all offer a different perspective on military life. Bloom also highlights all the cool things military brats are doing around the world, like writing songs about their life and winning awards.  
Presentations: n/a



## **2022 Annual Report – State of Ohio MIC3**

Ohio is ready for the Annual Business Meeting 2022 of the *Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission* (MIC3) – and America will be more ready to support our Military-connected youth come 2023 with 40+ Purple Star States.

On behalf of the members of the *Thomas D Rutan MIC3 State Council* here in the Buckeye state and our leading secondary point of contact – Mr William Merkle of the *Ohio Air and Army National Guard*, I formally and respectfully submit this annual report.

All the gratitude to our colleagues and partners for your expertise, time, and service to our Military-connected students and families, and their local schools.

During the 2021-22 school year, the Rutan Council convened on four occasions (August 31, December 2, March 29, April 14). Additionally, the Council published three editions (Fall, Winter, Spring) of *The Purple Star Bulletin*. An Agenda and Minutes from a Council meeting is included as examples.

In the September 2021, funding was awarded by the *Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services*, *Department of Veterans Services*, and the office of the Governor, *The Honorable Mike DeWine* to veterans' associations and groups.

Funds are established in partnership to the *Montgomery County Educational Service Center* and *United Services Organization* through the Ohio Cares initiative to support the sacred & shared mission of PreK12-MIL.

Numerous Federal, State, Local, and Nonprofit resources are to be used for products and pamphlets, and direct outreach of printed materials within schools and communities for Ohio's Military Families, Veterans, and local Educators.

In partnership with the Ohio Air and Army National Guard and *Department of Education*, Team Ohio's MIC3 hosted Purple Star Roundtable Sessions, Town Halls, and Interactive Webinars.

The Town Halls were recorded and are posted on the *Ohio MIC3 / Purple Star's* YouTube Channel. In one of the Town Halls on Health and Behavioral Supports, the *Adjutant General of Ohio Air and Army National Guard* provided Keynote Remarks.

In the summer before the 2021-22 school year, this Council organized an Online Review Team & Task Force. This team of *Purple Star School Liaisons* would review needs and supports to be distributed and improved and recommended to Team Ohio.

The leadership of Jenn Davis (Huber Heights District) and Pam Gayheart (Fairborn District) and Ashley Twedt (Clear Fork Valley District) was instrumental in this volunteer space to accomplishing success and development to take the Ohio MIC3 / Purple Star's Google Site to achievable levels.

The Ohio School Liaison Janet R Wynn Memorial MIC3 First Annual Awarding Ceremony for Military Youth was hosted on 16 May 2022, at Olentangy Liberty Middle School (OLMS). This Award was presented to three students in the State of Ohio during 2021-22.

Two of these honorees, which are siblings are students at OLMS. 7th grader Evie Stone and 6th grader Kai Stone received this Award for their outstanding grit, determination, and perseverance while their mother was deployed overseas during the school year. Their father formerly served in the Uniform of the Armed Forces. In less than five years, Purple Star hosts some 40 States with PS Schools.

The Purple Star Award's Class of 2022 notifications were announced via email to district superintendents, school principals, and the designated local liaisons on 11 April 2022 during *Ohio Military Family Spirit Week* and Month of the Military Child. Nearly 100 schools were honored as new schools or renewed campuses this spring of 2022. 430+ Purple Star Schools now call Ohio home.

All the gratitude to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo A DeMaria and Interim State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr Stephanie K Siddens,

and the professional staff of Jared Copeny, Kim Hettel, Valerie Kunze, David Schklar, and Jennifer Vargo at the Department of Education.

The *Collegiate Purple Star Award* recognizes those public and independent colleges and universities in Ohio that are supportive and inclusive of Military-connected students as designated by the Department of Higher Education. Designations will be determined by a Collegiate Purple Star (CPS) Advisory Committee after evaluation and recommendation.

This advisory committee will be appointed by the *Chancellor of Higher Education* and is composed of members from stakeholder organizations, which includes the Rutan State Council for MIC3. Through the development of this high honor, Ohio delivered another first in the nation tribute to schools and campuses supporting Ohio's Armed Forces, their Service-members and families.

The launch of this Award was hosted on 8 March 2022 at Hilliard Davidson High School – a January 2020 Purple Star honoree. The Inaugural Class of CPS was announced the week of Armed Forces Day 2022.

The *Purple Star National Convening of Schools and Communities'* planning committee of fourteen states and leaders and educators was formed as an all-volunteer effort in November (Military Family Appreciation Month) of 2021 by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the State of Ohio's local Purple Star leaders and friends.

This ad-hoc team is planning the first ever series of national conferences to bring together educators of *Purple Star initiatives across the nation* and indeed, around the globe; to share successes, lessons learned, and improve overall effectiveness. Team Ohio contributes seven volunteer leaders in these efforts.

During the 2021-22 school year, a *K-12 Educational Advisory Council* was established for the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and region. The region hosts four counties and 29 school districts in which active-duty Military-connected students are enrolled. The Commanding Officer of W-P, Colonel Patrick Miller, and the installation's School Liaison, Mrs Trina Pauley serve as the leaders of this charge and council.

Throughout 2021-22, members of this Council provided briefings and trainings during state-wide professional educators' association conferences and meetings,

including the *Ohio Educational Service Centers Association, Ohio School Counselors Association, and Ohio School Boards Association.*

Each month at the *National Veterans Memorial and Museum*, a RallyPoint is hosted. RallyPoint is a monthly series that brings Veterans' topics and programs and Veterans themselves, front, and center. April is the Month of the Military Child, and NVMM highlighted stories and resources of the families who support our Service-members and the resources available to them. NVMM was established in downtown Columbus on 30 October 2018 and dedicated by General Colin Powell, U.S. Army (Retired). On 2 April 2022, RallyPoint's topic was Impacting Military Children through Ohio's MIC3 and Purple Star Schools.

Our Ohio sacred and shared mission for the communities of PreK12-MIL continues. All the gratitude to this all-volunteer force of more than 500 Ohioans from Lake Erie to the Ohio River. *Team Ohio is Team U.S.A.*

### **RUTAN STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Pete LuPiba, Council Chair

Thomas Rutan, Commissioner Emeritus

Chris Picha, Department of Veterans Services

Trina Pauley, School Liaison Officer - Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Kristin Ronai, Ohio High School Athletic Association

Shari Obrenski, Ohio Federation of Teachers

Becky Hornberger, Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators

Jackie Spector, United Services Organization

Tim Freeman, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators

Tom Perkins, Buckeye Association of School Administrators

Tammy Puff (U.S. Army Veteran), The Honorable Mike DeWine - Governor

First Lieutenant Jason Durell (U.S. Army), School Counselor - Olentangy Local

Lieutenant Colonel Roberson Hill, 88th Mission Support Group U.S. Air Force

Senator Frank Hoagland, State Senate

Leader Kenny Yuko, State Senate

Representative Brian Lampton, House of Representatives

Leader Allison Russo, House of Representatives

Jared Shank, Department of Higher Education

William Merkle, National Guard

Darren Miller, Ohio School Counselor Association (Crestview Local)

Adreana Tartt, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Callie Haas, Association of Purple Star Schools (Penta CTC Counselor)

Kathy McFarland, Ohio School Boards Association

Chad Wyen, Highly Impacted District Superintendent - Mad River Local

Bill Stratton, U.S. Army - Education Supports

Cherie Chenault, U.S. Navy Operational Support Center

Corey O'Brien, Association of Purple Star Schools (Hamilton Township HS Teacher)

Michelle Lewis, Editor of *The Purple Star Bulletin* newsletter (Hyatts MS Teacher)

Erin Lunday, Wright Patterson Air Force Base Community

David Schklar, Department of Education - Ohio Troops to Teachers

Ashley Twedt, Association of Purple Star Schools (Bellville ES Teacher)

Valerie Kunze, Department of Education - Purple Star Schools & Military Day

*Faithfully submitted on this 29th day of June in the year 2022 on behalf of the Members of the Thomas D. Rutan MIC3 State Council in Ohio.*

\*MIC3 Commissioner Pete LuPiba on behalf of The Honorable Mike DeWine, Governor (LuPiba is a United States Navy & '06 Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran).

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## Oklahoma State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

To: MIC3  
From: Dr. Darrell Floyd, Oklahoma Compact Commissioner  
Date: June 30, 2022  
Re: FY2022 End-of-Year (EOY) Report

### **Oklahoma State Council Member Roster**

- Commissioner: Dr. Darrell Floyd, Superintendent, Enid Public Schools and OK Compact Commissioner
- Senator State Senator Adam Pugh
- State Representative Nicole Miller
- Mr. Brian Bobek, USA, State Board of Education Member
- Ms. Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oklahoma Department of Education
- Ms. Elizabeth Suddath, Deputy Superintendent, Student Support Services, Oklahoma Department of Education
- Mr. Kevin Hime, Superintendent, Lawton Public Schools
- Dr. Rick Cobb, Superintendent of Mid-Del Public Schools
- Ms. Sybille McKay, School Liaison Officer, Child and Youth Services, Fort Sill, U.S. Army; USDOD Military Representative

### **Two Points of Contact for Oklahoma**

1. Compact Commissioner: Dr. Darrell Floyd, [dgfloyd@enidk12.org](mailto:dgfloyd@enidk12.org), cell: (254) 592-9328
2. Department of Defense Military Representative: Ms. Sybille McKay, [sybille.mckay.naf@mail.mil](mailto:sybille.mckay.naf@mail.mil), ph: (580) 442-2130

### **Accomplishments/Activities**

- The state council met on June 23, 2022. The agenda and minutes for this meeting is posted on the [MIC3 Oklahoma webpage](#).
- Getting the Oklahoma Senate and House to designate April as Purple Up! month in support of military students.
- We reaffirmed to include the National Guard in MIC3.
- We continue to support all military families in making their transitions smoother.

## 2021-2022 Oregon End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following members.

- Colt Gill
- Bob Bates
- Kimberly Howard Wade, Chair
- Jerome Colonna
- Guadalupe Martinez Zapata, Vice Chair
- George Russell
- Bridgett Wheeler
- Jennifer Scurlock
- Heidi Sipe

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:

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Accomplishments:

- The State Council supported the Month of the Military Child by highlighting the compact to all Oregon Department of Education employees and putting out information about it to the public through social media.
- The State Council also changed its annual meeting to April to bring more attention to the Month.

Activities:

- The State Council met once this past year in April.  
Oregon's Commissioner attended the annual MIC3 meeting and participated in MIC3 subcommittees.

Presentations

The following presentations were made to the State Council at the annual meeting:

- Captain Eric Hanks, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island
- Kelly Scheese, Regional School Liaison, Navy Region Northwest
- Cindy Hunt, Oregon Compact Commissioner, Oregon Department of Education

## **OVERVIEW**

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was developed jointly by The Council of State Government’s National Center for Interstate Compacts and the Department of Defense, with input from policy experts, and stakeholders from 18 different organizations and national associations, including representatives of parents, teachers, school administrators, military families, and federal, state, and local officials. The Interstate Compact eases education transition issues faced by the children of active duty service members transferring between school districts and states. Most military children will attend six to nine different school systems during their education from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The Compact allows for uniform treatment of military children when dealing with issues of enrollment, eligibility, placement, and graduation when transferring schools.

Initial discussions about the Compact began in 2006 and drafting of the Compact began early in 2007. The Compact was first available for legislative consideration in 2008. The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was adopted by all 50 states and the District of Columbia in just six legislative sessions.

## **HISTORY**

Pennsylvania adopted the Interstate Compact, placing it in statute in February 2012. The language of the Interstate Compact adopted was almost verbatim. The dues are paid by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

**Bill sponsor(s):** Senator Robert Robbins

**Location in Statute or Code:** Pennsylvania Statutes, Chapter 24, § 5401-540

**APPOINTING AUTHORITY:** Governor

<b><u>COMMISSIONER</u></b>	Barbara Clemmer	2020-present
	Vacant	2019-2020
	Dr. Kraig R. Kiehl	2018-2019
	Robert F. Staver	2016 -2018
	Major General (R) Dan O’Neill	2012-2014

## **STATE COUNCIL**

- Compact Commissioner: Barbara Clemmer
- Acting Secretary of Education: Eric Hagarty represented by Dr. Carrie Rowe
- Representative of the Executive Branch: Brigadier General Edwards Little, Jr.
- Superintendent of a School District with high numbers of military children: *recently vacant*
- Representative from a Military Installation in the state: Mr. Drew Turinski, Deputy Garrison Commander, Carlisle Barracks
- Representative of the School Boards Association: Mr. Stuart Knade, Esq.
- Legislative Branch Representative: Mr. Joe Webster
- Legislative Branch Representative: Ms. Tracy Pennycuick, 147<sup>th</sup> District
- Ex-Officio Members: Jacqueline Schultz, School Liaison; Joseph Gordon, School Liaison; Representative Karen Boback – 117<sup>th</sup> District

**STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- November 16, 2021, Inaugural Meeting
- March 3, 2022

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Presentation to the PA House Committee on Veteran's Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
- State Council approved language to include NGR.
- House Bill 1813 to permit advance enrollment of military students presented by Representative Milou Mackenzie, 131<sup>st</sup> District
- Attended the *Excellence in Education* celebration at Carlisle Barracks honoring local schools that serve military students

**MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD**

- Pennsylvania released a statewide Penn\*Link to inform schools and provide resources.

**MIC3 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE**

- Pennsylvania attended the 2021 ABM virtually.

**PRIMARY CONTACT**

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## **MIC3 Rhode Island State 2020-2021 End-of-Year Report**

### **State Council Members**

- Rosemarie K. Kraeger, MIC3 Commissioner and Superintendent, Middletown Public Schools
- Pamela Martin, School Liaison Officer, Naval Station Newport, United States Navy (Military Family Education Liaison)
- CAPT James McIver, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport (Military Representative)
- Andy Andrade, Commissioner Support, RI Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Phil Auger, Superintendent, North Kingstown School Department
- Maj Gloria Berlanga, RIANG, Counter Drug Program, Coventry Air National Guard Station
- Senator Lou Dipalma, RI State Senate
- Abby Dunn, Child Opportunity Zone Coordinator, Middletown Public Schools
- Colleen Jermain, Superintendent, Newport Public Schools
- Christopher Maher, Superintendent, Providence School Department
- Thomas Kenworthy, Superintendent, Portsmouth School Department
- Matthew Thadeio, Student and Family Engagement Specialist, Pell Elementary School
- Angelica Infante-Green, Commissioner of Education, Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

### **Meeting Dates**

The council met on September 30, 2020.

### **Secondary Point of Contact**

TBD

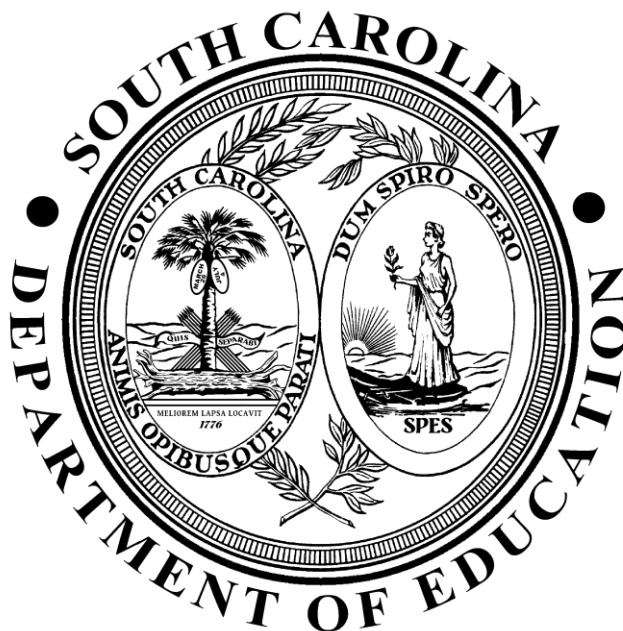
### **Past Year Highlights**

- Our schools celebrated the month of the military child in April 2022 by holding special events, recognitions for military children and families. The state legislature signed a [House proclamation](#) proclaiming April 2021 as month of the military child in the state. Despite the pandemic, in the Middletown school district we recognized military connected students for their service.
- Military families primarily attend the Middletown and Portsmouth school districts. Due to the pandemic, it was a challenge to hold in person training, however we continue to inform personnel and parents on the Compact rules and regulations. Our school liaison officer, Pamela Martin, informs and assists military families transitioning in and out of Rhode Island. She works with schools to resolve cases and issues as they arise.
- Although we are a small state, we are well connected and continually communicate with our state military leaders to ensure we support schools and families.

Sincerely yours,  
Rosemarie Kraeger  
MIC3 Rhode Island Commissioner

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**MOLLY M. SPEARMAN**  
*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*



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Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-46-40

June 28, 2022

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (S.C. Code Ann. § 59-46-40) is to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents by:

- A. Facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of education records from the previous school districts or variations in entrance/age requirements.
- B. Facilitating the student placement process through which children of military families are not disadvantaged by variations in attendance requirements, scheduling, sequencing, grading, course content, or assessment.
- C. Facilitating the qualification and eligibility for enrollment, educational programs, and participation in extracurricular academic, athletic, and social activities. D. Facilitating the on-time graduation of children of military families.
- E. Providing for the promulgation and enforcement of administrative rules implementing the provisions of this compact.
- F. Providing for the uniform collection and sharing of information between and among member states, schools, and military families under this compact.
- G. Promoting coordination between this compact and other compacts affecting military children.
- H. Promoting flexibility and cooperation between the educational system, parents, and the student in order to achieve educational success for the student.

## **SC Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Council Members**

- Mrs. Molly M. Spearman, State Superintendent of Education
- Dr. Baron Davis, Superintendent of Richland County School District Two
- Mr. Felix J. Childs, Governor Designee
- Representative Joseph F. Daning, Berkeley District 92
- Representative Shedron D. Williams, Hampton District 122
- Senator Ronnie W. Cromer, Newberry District 18
- Senator J. Thomas McElveen, Sumter District 35
- Dr. Tremekia K. Priestler, SC MIC 3 Council Chair, State Superintendent's Designee
- Mrs. Beth Shwedo, Military Family Member
- Mrs. Sara Arnet, Military Family Member
- Mr. Alan Walters, State Board of SC Chair, Ex-Officio Member
- Chrystal Stableton, State Board of SC- Chair Elect, Ex-Officio Member
- Mr. George Patrick, Military Installation Representative
- Wanda A. Davis, Ombudsman, South Carolina Department of Education



## SC MIC3 Council Summary

- South Carolina State Council Meetings were held on Dec.14, 2021, and April 19, 2022. Both meetings were held virtually via Microsoft Teams.
- A called council meeting was held on Oct. 21, 2021 to discuss the National Guard/Reserve Expansion to the compact. The purpose was to inform council members of possible courses of actions for input/vote by the commissioner, and bring awareness to members.
- During the April 19, 2022 meeting, Dr. Priester provided updates to the council members from the MIC3 Annual Business meeting held in November 2022. Dr. Priester also provided an update on the social, emotional, and academic supports being provided to military families in collaboration with district military liaisons. Ms. Anderson also announced Sumter County School District as the fourth Purple Star designated district, joining Aiken County Public School District, Richland County School District Two, and Kershaw County School District.
- The South Carolina Department of Education sponsored the *2020-21 Military Honor Cord Ceremony* for high school seniors who had enlisted into the uniformed services. Prior to the virtual ceremony, students were provided red, white, and blue military cords to wear during their respective high school graduation ceremonies.
- On April 6, 2022, Governor Henry McMaster proclaimed April as South Carolina's Month of the Military Child. After the proclamation, Dr. Kim Priester identified a total of 10 Purple Star districts in South Carolina: Charleston County School District, Berkley County School District, Beaufort County School District, Richland County School District One, Edgefield County School District, Richland County School District 2, Anderson 1 School District, Sumter County School District, Aiken County Public School District, and Kershaw County School District.
- Dr. Priester then provided an overview and 2022 updates of Veterans Affairs Education Benefits for veteran survivors and informed the Council that the SC Commission on Higher Education was notified about requests for assistance from students from military families who were planning to attend college. To assist families further, the Council agreed that a presentation related to educational benefits and resources available for students from military families should be developed in collaboration with the Veterans Affairs Education Department.
- Various council members, district military liaisons, military school officers, military families and students, and other individuals participated in Month of the Military Child and Purple UP Day celebrations. Each district designated a day for Purple UP Day, during which several appreciation activities were held for students and families.
- Dr. Priester is the state contact for districts seeking information and training on how to achieve the Purple Star designation.
- Dr. Priester, in collaboration with the MIC3 National Office, provided compact training for selected districts. MIC3 National Office will provide summer training for Kershaw County School District July 2022.

## **Areas of Focus for the State Council**

- Provide on-going training on the compact rules for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children in collaboration with district military liaisons/school officers. The purpose of the continuous training is to ensure that policies related to transitioning military students in the state's public school system are clearly understood and implemented effectively in all school districts statewide.
- Raise awareness of the Month of the Military Child proclamation and Purple Up Day in districts and schools statewide.
- Raise awareness of the South Carolina Department of Education's Purple Star program, which provides information and resources to districts to assist them in helping students from military families have a seamless transition into the state's public education system.
- Continue to increase the designation of Purple Star programs in district statewide for the purpose of increasing and highlighting military connectedness and support for military student and families in South Carolina.

## South Dakota End-of-Year Report FY2021-2022

First Name: Ann

Last Name: Pettit

I am the Compact Commissioner for: South Dakota

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following:

Tiffany Sanderson, Secretary, South Dakota Department of Education

Fran Apland, School Liaison, Ellsworth Air Force Base

Col Brady Vaira, USAF, Commander, 28th Mission Support Group

Nancy York, Representative, South Dakota House of Representative

Jonathan Nesladek, Parent Representative, Army National Guard Veteran

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:

Ann Pettit, Executive Director Elementary Academics, Douglas School District

Fran Apland, School Liaison, Ellsworth Air Force Base

Accomplishments: The State Council supported Douglas School District in receiving the first designation in SD for being a Purple Star District.

Activities: The State Council met one time in the 21-22 SY and we look to increase that to two times for the 22--23 SY.

The Interstate Compact training took place with Douglas School District personnel and Ellsworth Air Force Base personnel. We want to extend training to all superintendents for the 22-23 SY.

Presentations: Nothing to report.

Tennessee MIC3

# 2022 Annual Report

June 27, 2022



## Tennessee Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (TN-MIC3) Points of Contact

### Primary Point of Contact

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### Secondary Point of Contact

#### Military Family Education Liaison

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## Website

<https://www.tn.gov/sbe/committees-and-initiatives/military-interstate-children-s-compact-tennessee-state-council--mic3-.html>

## Facebook Page

[MIC3 Tennessee Facebook Page](#)

## Chief State School Officer

Dr. Sara Heyburn Morrison, Executive Director, Tennessee State Board of Education

## Education Designee

Nathan James, Director of Legislative Affairs, Tennessee State Board of Education

## Military/DOD Representative

CAPT. Michael Mosbrugger, USN Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Mid-South

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## Tennessee Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (TN-MIC3) State Council Members

1. **Tennessee Commissioner & State Council Chairman** - Deanna McLaughlin, Clarksville, Tennessee
2. **State Council Vice-Chairman** - **Vacant**
3. **State Council Secretary** - Nathan James, Director of Legislative Affairs, Tennessee State Board of Education
4. **MG Tommy Baker** (USA Ret), Commissioner of Veteran Services, Tennessee Department of Veteran Services
5. **Senator, Richard Briggs**, Tennessee State Senator, Legislative Branch Representative
6. **Dwight Hunter**, President, Tennessee Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
7. **COL Andrew Jordan**, Garrison Commander, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
8. **Dr. John Combs**, Superintendent, Tipton County Schools
9. **Michaela Gregory**, State Child & Youth Family Programs Director, Tennessee ARNG

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10. **James Bo Griffin**, Director of Schools, Millington Municipal Schools
  11. **Dr. Ted Horrell**, Superintendent, Lakeland School System
  12. **Jean Luna-Vedder**, Director of Schools, Clarksville-Montgomery County
  13. **Jeff Mayo**, Director of Schools, Arlington City Schools
  14. **Deborah Munis**, Tennessee MIC3 Military Family Education Liaison
  15. **Michael Mosbrugger**, USN Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Mid-South
  16. **Mark Reeves**, Executive Director, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association
  17. **Lee Smith**, Community Support Coordinator and Violence Prevention, Arnold Air Force Base

## School Liaison Officers Currently Serving Tennessee

### ★ Jennifer Lundy, Navy, Millington, Tennessee

- Child & Youth Education Services,
- Naval Support Activity Mid-South
- Phone: (901) 874-5343
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### ★ Laquvia Garrett, Army, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

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## Tennessee Purple Star School Award 2022

Established in 2019, the Tennessee Purple Star Schools Award Program currently has 28 Purple Star Schools.

The Tennessee Purple Star School Award (PSSA) is provided to military-friendly schools that display a significant commitment to serving military-connected families and students. In order for a school to be honored with the Tennessee Purple Star School Award, the school must complete all of the Required School Activities and one Optional School Activities. All schools that earn the Purple Star School Award will maintain the status for two years.

Tennessee MIC3 FMEL Deb Munis and Tennessee MIC3 Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin traveled to four schools and one school district across the State of Tennessee in the spring of 2022 to present much deserved Purple Star School Awards (PSSA) to the ten winning schools.

Due to the Tennessee PSSA, information about MIC3 and the Compact reached more people in Tennessee and Nationally than before this effort.

### 2022 Award Class

**Barkers Mills Elementary School**, Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools

**Hancock County Middle/High School**, Hancock County Schools

**Liberty Elementary School**, Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools

**Milan High School**, Milan Special School District

**Northeast Elementary School**, Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools

**Peabody High School**, Trenton Special School District

**Ringgold Elementary School**, Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools (Second Award)

**Rossvie High School**, Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools (Second Award)

**Rossvie Middle School**, Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools (Second Award)

**Tulahoma High School**, Tullahoma City Schools



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**Annual Tennessee State Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 31, 2022**  
**3:00 PM Central Time \*Via Conference Call/Webinar**

1. Welcome – Deanna McLaughlin
2. Call the Meeting to Order – Deanna McLaughlin
3. Roll Call/Verify Quorum – Nathan James
4. Vote to authorize a recording of the meeting to serve as the minutes - Nathan James
5. Introduction of New State Council Members - Deanna McLaughlin
  - a. Sen. Richard Briggs (Legislative Branch Representative)
  - b. Dr. Angela Huff, Interim Director of Schools, Clarksville Montgomery County Schools
6. Introduction of School Liaison Officers – Deanna McLaughlin
  - a. Jennifer Lundy, Millington Naval Air Station
  - b. Melissa Silva, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
7. Purpose – Deanna McLaughlin
8. Election of State Council Officers – Deanna McLaughlin
  - a. Current State Council Chairman - Deanna McLaughlin
  - b. Current State Council Vice Chairman - Bernard Childress
  - c. Current State Council Secretary - Nathan James
9. Purple Star Schools Award Update – Deb Munis
  - a. Schools 2021
    - i. Glenellen Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
    - ii. New Providence Middle School, Clarksville, Tennessee
    - iii. West Creek High School, Clarksville, Tennessee
    - iv. Westwood Middle School, Manchester, Tennessee
    - v. West Creek Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
    - vi. Lakeland Pre School, Lakeland, Tennessee
    - vii. Moore Magnet STEM School, Clarksville, Tennessee
    - viii. Lakeland Elementary School, Lakeland, Tennessee
    - ix. Carpenters Elementary School, Maryville, Tennessee
    - x. Upperman High School, Baxter, Tennessee
    - xi. Morristown-Hamblen East High School, Morristown, Tennessee
    - xii. Rossvie Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
    - xiii. Hazelwood Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
    - xiv. Oakland Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee



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- xv. Kenwood Middle School, Clarksville, Tennessee
  - xvi. Monteagle Elementary School, Monteagle, Tennessee
  - xvii. West Creek Middle School, Clarksville, Tennessee
  - xviii. Woodlawn Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee

b. Approve 2022 Applications

- 10. MIC3 Tennessee Training Update – Deb Munis
- 11. Review of 2020/2021 Tennessee Hot Issues – Deanna McLaughlin
- 12. Tennessee Military-Connected Children Stats – Deanna McLaughlin
- 13. National Guard and Reserve Discussion - Deanna McLaughlin
- 14. MIC3 Resources – Deanna McLaughlin
- 15. Important Links – Deanna McLaughlin
- 16. MOMC – Deanna McLaughlin
- 17. Public Comments - Deanna McLaughlin
- 18. Open Discussion - Deanna McLaughlin
- 19. Adjourn - Deanna McLaughlin

## April, Month of the Military Child Presentations/Proclamations/Activities







STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
 BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, thousands of brave Tennesseans have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, both on active duty and in the Tennessee national Guard and Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has committed to be an active participant in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which is designed to support military children when they transition from school system to school system across state lines; and

WHEREAS, children and youth of our service members are major contributors to the fabric of strength for their parents serving in the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, children and youth of our service members continue to make significant contributions to family, schools, communities, our state, and the nation, despite prolonged and repeat absences of one or both parents; and

WHEREAS, these children are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take the time to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Defense Education Activity, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, and other military family support organizations are encouraging the recognition of the important role of military children while their servicemember parents serve our country through special events and wearing the color purple;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim April 21, 2022 as "Purple Up! For Military Kids Day" and the month of April 2022 as the

*Month of the Military Child*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-third day of March, 2022.

*Bill Lee*

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 Governor

*Joe Knight*

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 Secretary of State

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT



## PROCLAMATION

### By The County Mayor

- WHEREAS,** *April is designated as the "Month of the Military Child," stressing the important role our military families have in helping to sustain our fighting forces. It is essential to recognize these dependents while their parents serve our nation; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who established the commemoration in 1986; and*
- WHEREAS,** *in communities around the world, essential strategic necessities are to establish an educational system that progressively builds the college and career readiness of all military dependents; and to challenge each student to maximize his or her potential to excel academically, socially, emotionally and physically for life, college and career readiness; and*
- WHEREAS,** *throughout the month of April, we encourage schools to plan special events to honor military children and have administrators and principals incorporate the theme of this month into their everyday duties and responsibilities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the military youth of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and involved populations in our nation's history; and*
- WHEREAS,** *we encourage everyone to wear the color purple during the month of April and light any buildings purple on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> for the official "Purple Up! For Military Kids' Day and to show support for the military child.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DURRETT,** Mayor of Montgomery County and on behalf of the citizens of this great community, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as

### **"MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD"**

*and recognize the military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.*

  
COUNTY MAYOR

## 2021/2022 Accomplishments/Information

- Tennessee Commission is a new member of the National MIC Training Committee
- Tennessee Purple Star School Award Celebrated our Third Year
- Resolved 100% of the **Compact-related** cases that were brought to our attention for the school year 2020/2021 and provided recommendations for where people could seek solutions for non-compact-related issues.

## Tennessee MIC3 Dues Paid to National MIC3

FISCAL YEAR	ARMY	NAVY	MARINES	AIR FORCE	COAST GUARD	TOTAL	ANNUAL DUES	USPHS	NOAA
FY2022	8,882	1,721	246	588	164	11,568	\$13,303	25	0
FY2021	8,516	1,743	262	618	166	11,305	\$13,001	N/A	N/A
FY2022	8,416	1,811	231	603	144	11,220	\$12,903	15	0
FY2023	8,88	1,859	270	607	144	11,713	\$13,466	15	0

## Tennessee Military-Connected Stats

- Number of Guard and Reserve children age 5-18 = 430,990
  - Data is from the DMDC database, current as of January 2021
- Number of military kids by branch in Tennessee - Total all uniformed services in TN = 18,603
  - TN Children (all ages), current as of February 2021 from DMDC
    - Army = 14,724
    - Navy = 2,418
    - Air Force = 890
    - Marine Corps = 358
    - Coast Guard = 186

## Number of Military Children by Tennessee School System

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL MILITARY STUDENTS	PERCENT MILITARY STUDENTS
Arlington Community Schools	4,687	347	7.40
Clarksville Montgomery County Schools	36,566	5,594	15.30
Clinton City Schools	933	5	0.54
Fayetteville City Schools	1,413	6	0.42
Hamilton Co. Dept. of Education	44,165	18	0.04
Lakeland School System	1,824	121	6.63
Millington Municipal Schoos	2,526	121	4.79
Oak Ridge Schools	4,461	74	1.66
Stewart Co. Board of Education	2,048	53	2.59
This data is based on the ED Impact Aid System Military Membership Report	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,339</b>	

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## Tennessee Legislation that Benefits Military Families

### HB324 - Grading Scale

Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, this bill requires that the state board's uniform grading system for students enrolled in grades nine through 12 use the following grading scale:

- (1) The "A" letter grade corresponds to scoring a percentage of points within the range of 90 to 100;
- (2) The "B" letter grade corresponds to scoring a percentage of points within the range of 80 to 89;
- (3) The "C" letter grade corresponds to scoring a percentage of points within the range of 70 to 79;
- (4) The "D" letter grade corresponds to scoring a percentage of points within the range of 60 to 69; and
- (5) The "F" letter grade corresponds to scoring a percentage of points within the range of zero to 59.
- This bill specifies that use of the uniform grading scale for purposes of application for postsecondary financial assistance administered by TSAC does not prohibit the state board of education or an LEA from developing, adopting, or implementing a grading system for other purposes.

ON APRIL 27, 2022, THE SENATE ADOPTED AMENDMENT #1 AND PASSED SENATE BILL 388, AS AMENDED.

AMENDMENT #1 changes this bill's effective date from "upon becoming a law" to "July 1, 2022," and changes the applicability date from the 2021-2022 school year and thereafter to the 2022-2023 school year and thereafter.

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*Submitted by Deanna McLaughlin, Tennessee Commissioner, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3), and the Tennessee State Council on June 27, 2022.*

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Governor Bill Lee  
Montgomery County Tennessee Legislative Delegation  
Tennessee State Board of Education Leadership  
Tennessee MIC3 State Council  
Fort Campbell & Naval Support Activity Mid-South SLOs



## 2021-2022 Texas End-of-Year Report

The membership of Texas's MIC3 council consists of the following members.

Texas is still in the process of convening its State Council and therefore is unable to include the names of individual members. However, the positions represented on the council include the following: the state commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee; a superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children designated by the agency; the governor or the governor's designee; the chair of the senate committee on education or the chair's designee; the chair of the house of representatives committee on public education or the chair's designee; a representative from each branch of the armed services of the United States that maintains an installation in the state, appointed by each respective branch; and representatives of other offices and stakeholder groups the agency deems appropriate.

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:

1. Shelly Ramos, Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, [shelly.ramos@tea.texas.gov](mailto:shelly.ramos@tea.texas.gov)
2. Dr. Jimmy Bowser, Highly Mobile State Coordinator, [jimmy.bowser@tea.texas.gov](mailto:jimmy.bowser@tea.texas.gov)
3. Sheri Messer, Special Projects Coordinator, [sheri.messer@tea.texas.gov](mailto:sheri.messer@tea.texas.gov)

Accomplishments:

- Participated in regular meetings with school liaisons from across the state, held in Quarters 1, 2, and 3 by staff from TEA's Highly Mobile and At-risk Student Programs Division
- Assisted with the review of Texas Purple Star Campus Designation applications, which recognizes LEAs that show support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military-connected students and families
- Planned for and scheduled first State Council meeting

Activities:

- Assist in the timely resolution of concerns from military families and local education agencies (LEAs) regarding the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Promote understanding of the Compact through statewide and local presentations for professional organizations, school district staff, military installation educational convenings, and other stakeholders
- Coordinate communication with school counselors, administrators, and school liaisons to provide updates, resources, and support for implementation of the Compact and other issues related to military-connected students
- Track, oversee, and communicate about the state's Public Education Information Management System data collection on military student indicators
- Support implementation of the state's military student indicators by communicating with school districts and and charter schools regarding use and reporting of the indicators
- Provide resources, guidance, and support for the public via the Texas Education Agency website
- Communicate regularly with parents, school counselors, teachers, and campus and district administrators regarding the provisions of the Compact and how it can best be used to meet the needs of military-connected students, including facilitating the resolution of concerns of parents related to compact provisions

## Utah End-of-Year Report FY2021-2022

First Name: Ben

Last Name: Rasmussen

I am the Compact Commissioner for: Utah

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following: Reid Newey  
Gary Harter  
Col. Thomas Ausherman  
Brian Garrett  
Fred Allen  
Emily Harrison  
Jennie Taylor  
Heidi Bauerle  
Ammon Campbell  
Jon Oglesby  
Leslie Flynn

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are: Ben Rasmussen - Commissioner - [ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov](mailto:ben.rasmussen@schools.utah.gov)  
Kirin McInnis - Legal Assistant - [kirin.mcinnis@schools.utah.gov](mailto:kirin.mcinnis@schools.utah.gov)

Accomplishments: The State Council supported military students throughout the state.

The State Council was pleased to recognize its first cohort of purple star schools, which directly ensure that compact objectives are supported. The State Council has approved its second cohort of schools to be recognized later this summer.

Activities: The State Council met on April 22, 2022 and discussed MIC3 initiatives, state legislation, the purple star school program, and other programs that council members and their groups are sponsoring to support military students.

Presentations: N/A

## **2022 Vermont State Council Report**

Dear Executive Director Cherise Imai,

On behalf of the Vermont State Council, I am pleased to submit the 2022 annual report. While the past state council has not been able to meet as a result of a multitude of factors we were able to recruit and convene a new State Council. We were successful and held a meeting remotely on March 29, 2022. The focus of the meeting was to provide an overview on MIC3 and answer any questions from the previously submitted information about MIC3. We also talked about getting more of the VANG leadership reengaged and have several action steps. Letter/MOU to be sent to the Vermont AG along with letters to Vermont Principals Association (VPA) and the Vermont Superintendents Association (VSA) informing again of MIC3 mission and purpose. We also have sent a letter out to all Vermont school guidance directors informing them of MIC3 in hopes to assist military families/children. I have been able to assist ten military families over the past 12 month who were on orders to Vermont with related question specific to the compact and supporting their children. It has been a difficult two plus years and I am hopeful that the pandemic is behind us and we will be able to meet as a new State Council more regularly.

Sincerely,

David Young

## **Vermont MIC3 State Council Members**

David Young (MIC3 Commissioner)  
Superintendent of Schools  
South Burlington School District

Mike Clark  
Superintendent of Schools  
Grand Isle Supervisory Union

Miriam G. Boyle  
Military Family Community Network Facilitator  
Vermont National Guard

David C. Leonard  
Director, Family Programs  
Vermont National Guard

Rene Sanchez  
Superintendent of Schools  
Champlain Valley School District, Vermont

Dr. Brian G. Ricca  
Superintendent of Schools  
St. Johnsbury School District

Gary Marckres  
Director of Operations and Financial Management  
South Burlington School District



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

P.O. BOX 2120

RICHMOND 23218-2120

June 30, 2022

Ms. Cherise Imani  
Executive Director  
Military Interstate Children Compact Commission  
1776 Avenue of the States  
Lexington, Kentucky 40511

Dear Ms. Imani:

As Coordinator of the Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, and in accordance with the reporting requirements outlined in Article VIII of the model compact language, *Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children*, I am pleased to submit the following annual report from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The report provides information regarding the meetings of the Virginia Council, as well as other actions taken during 2021 to disseminate information regarding the Compact to school divisions, military families, and other affected entities.

I am grateful for the ongoing support offered by your office and I look forward to another successful year supporting military-connected children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel L. Dunham".

Daniel L. Dunham  
Military Student and Families Specialist  
Office of Student Services

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Enclosure



# **Report on the Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

Presented to  
National Office of the  
Military Interstate Children's Compact  
Commission

**June 30, 2022**



# **Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

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## **COMMISSIONER DESIGNEE**

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## **MILITARY/DOD REPRESENTATIVE**

Vice Admiral Charles Rock, Commander  
Navy Region Mid-Atlantic  
United States Navy

## **STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Dr. James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Virginia Department of Education

Ms. Mamie Locke, Senator  
Virginia State Senate

Ms. Nancy Guy, Delegate  
Virginia House Delegates

Mr. Carlos Hopkins, Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs  
(Governor's Designee)

Dr. Dede Bailer, Former Coordinator  
School Psychology Services, Retired  
Fairfax County Public Schools

Dr. Aaron C. Spence, Superintendent





Mr. Brad Williams, School Counseling Director  
Tabb High School  
York County Public Schools

Dr. Barry Brown, Principal  
Deep Creek Elementary  
Chesapeake City Public Schools

Dr. Martha Jallim-Hall, Professor  
Hampton University  
Spouse of Military Veteran

Ms. Trish Schnabel, Owner / Board Certified Behavior Analyst  
The Learning Ladder ABA  
Military Spouse Representative

Mr. Mychael Willon, Retired School Superintendent  
Military Spouse of Active Duty Service Member  
Military Parent Representative, Virginia Department of Education  
Military Students Support Process Action Team (MSSPAT)

## Summary of Activities

The Virginia Council held two public meetings in 2021. The meeting in April 2021 was held virtually and the meeting held in November was held in person. The meetings were attended by military school liaison officers, school representatives, students, parents, military officials, Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) staff members, and other members of the public. The meetings were streamed live on VDOE's YouTube channel and recorded for archival purposes. The meetings' agendas covered a number of issues related to the education of children of military families in the Commonwealth. Additional details about the meetings are included below.

- April 20, 2021, Virginia Council Virtual Meeting  
Richmond, Virginia

During the April 20, 2021, meeting the Council heard from Ms. Elaine Haislip, School Counselor and Military Family Point of Contact for Petsworth Elementary School. Also in attendance were Mr. Brendon Sellers and Mr. Brodi Sanford, both Petsworth Elementary School students. These individuals shared their personal experiences of being military-connected and or supporting military-connected students during their transitions.

Mr. Dunham provided an update on actions by the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) concerning actions to expand Compact eligibility to include students whose parents serve in the National Guard and Reserves while on Title 33 orders, or by order of the Governor. Mr. Dunham explained that VDOE would, should actions be taken by MIC3 Commissioners to require it, add this item to its legislative requests that are forwarded to the Office of the Governor. This would include any action to expand eligibility outside of the language of the Compact.

Mr. Dunham presented on Compact-related engagements with schools, families, partners, and Virginia governmental agencies. He informed the Council of newly appointed school liaison officers and of the appointment of a Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Regional Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Liaison. Mr. Dunham provided membership an overview of engagements, trainings, and events received and conducted by his office.

- November 12, 2021, Virginia Council Meeting  
Richmond, Virginia

During the November 12, 2021, meeting the Council heard from Ms. Adrienne Wood, School Counselor for W.T. Woodson High School. Also in attendance were Ms. Abby Hammond and Ms. Elysa McMillan, both students at W.T. Woodson High School. Ms. Wood provided a general overview of how the school works to support military-connected students and others new to the school. Ms. Hammond and Ms. McMillan both shared their individual experience in supporting the transitions of military-connected students. Both students provided detailed examples of the work going on at W.T.

Woodson by the Woodson's Student Ambassador Club, the Operation Patriot Club, and other student-led bodies.

Mr. Dunham presented the Council with the list of 92 schools nominated to receive the School Year 2021-2022 Purple Star Designation by the Military Students Support Process Action Team MSSPAT reviewers. Council then approved the designation of 92 schools, 45 of which received the award for the second time.

Dr. Lane introduced to the Council the need to consider a policy that would afford Council members the opportunity to attend future Council meetings virtually when they are unable to attend the meetings in person. The Council voted in favor of the adoption of the policy.

Mr. Dunham presented on Compact-related engagements with schools, families, partners, and Virginia governmental agencies. He went on to inform Council of newly appointed school liaison officers serving in military commands in Virginia. Mr. Dunham provided Council with an update on the proceeding of the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) of the Military Children's Compact Commission. Mr. Dunham shared that the Chair of the Commission recommended that the vote that was to occur regarding the expansion of Compact eligibility to students of National Guard and Reserve Forces on State activated orders, and those on Title 32 orders, be tabled until the next ABM. Mr. Dunham concluded his presentation by providing the Council with an overview of how Virtual Virginia has worked with newly arriving military-connected students by permitting their enrollment in full-time programs and enrolling in courses that may not be available at their zoned schools.

All presentations and meeting materials are available online at [Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children](#) webpage.

## **Conclusion**

The year 2021 once again saw challenges as a result of the Nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Military families who experienced a permanent change of station during this time were wrestling with the academic gaps and social-emotional issues their students were exhibiting as a result of not being able to attend face-to-face instruction. As the summer commenced, schools across the State moved quickly to develop strategic plans to address many of the concerns parents had with the effects the past year has had on their students. The Virginia Military Families Specialist continued to provide support and technical assistance to both individual families and schools during these challenging times.

The MSSPAT continued to be a valuable resource in 2021. The body helped to review Purple Star applications and added additional suggestions for the program's improvement. This group will continue to serve in an advisory capacity to VDOE as it works to improve transitional support of military families. Members of this team provided a webinar presentation at the 2021 Virginia School Counseling Association Conference on how to best support military families.

In nearly every community in Virginia, there are children with parents or guardians on active duty with the armed forces. While their parents honorably serve our nation and our Commonwealth, we should recognize the contributions of military-connected students and celebrate their spirit. The Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children is proud to recognize the service of our military servicemen and women, their families, and their children.

## **MIC3 Washington State 2021-2022 End-of-Year Report**

### **State Council Members**

Gregory J. Lynch, Council Chair and Superintendent, Olympic Educational Service District 114  
COL Phillip Lamb, USA, Garrison Commander, Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM)  
Dr. Aaron Leavell, Superintendent, Bremerton School District  
Dr. Erin Prince, Superintendent, Central Kitsap School District  
Ron Banner, Superintendent, Clover Park School District  
Tim Ames, Superintendent, Medical Lake School District  
Kelly Scheese, Regional School Liaison, Navy Region Northwest, United States Navy  
Dixie Grunenfelder, Director, K12 Education Supports, OSPI  
Chris Reykdal, State Superintendent, OSPI  
Carrie Basas, Washington Governor's Office representative,  
Senator Christine Rolfes, Washington State Senate  
Senator Ann Rivers, Washington State, Senate  
Representative Dave Paul, Washington State, House  
Norma Melo, Director, Youth Education Support Services, Children Youth and School Services, JBLM  
Ex Officio Members: Randy Spaulding, Executive Director, State Board of Education; Mick Hoffman,  
Executive Director, WA Athletic Association; Andrew Estep, Executive Director, WA PTA.

### **Meeting Dates**

The council met on October 14, 2021. The minutes have been provided to the MIC3 National Office and are posted on our [webpage](#).

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### **Past Year Highlights**

- Celebrated the month of the military child in April 2022 via special events and recognitions.
- Conducted MIC3 training as requested by school districts and school liaisons.
- Participated Education summit: Naval Base Kitsap CDR and School District Superintendents.
- Administered WA MIC3 survey to school districts focusing on MIC3 compliance and communications, training and implementation.
- Engaged Superintendents inside/outside WA to resolve a number of MIC3 compliance issues.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Greg Lynch  
MIC3 Washington State Commissioner

West Virginia End of Year Summary (FY 2022)

State Council membership roster:

**MIC3 Compact Commissioner:**

Mr. Phillip Cantrell

**State Council Members:**

State Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Clayton Burch

Superintendent of Cabell County Schools

Mr. Ryan Saxe

West Virginia Senate

Mr. Ryan R. Weld

West Virginia House of Delegates

Mr. Bill Anderson

An individual representing the executive branch of government, appointed by the Governor

Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance

Mr. Edward A. Diaz

An individual representing a military installation in this state appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate

CPT Brittany Watson

Coordinator and Military Family Education Liaison

Mr. Robert P. Mellace III

**DOD Representative:**

NRMA Regional School Liaison

Chris Hendrix

**The FY 2022 meeting of the State Council occurred on 5/20/2022 and included the following participants from the State Council:**

Mr. Phillip Cantrell

Mr. Ryan Saxe

CPT Brittany Watson

Mr. Robert P. Mellace III

Mr. Edward A. Diaz

**DOD Representative Chris Hendrix was also in attendance at the FY 2022 meeting. All participants are listed on the meeting minutes.**

**Identify and/or confirm at least two points of contact for the member state:**

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**Summary of accomplishments, activities and presentations from the previous year:**

An online meeting was held on 5/20/2022 via Microsoft Teams for State Council members who were in attendance and the DOD Representative. State Commissioner Mr. Phillip Cantrell participated, providing information about the Compact at the meeting. A meeting agenda and PowerPoint presentation is now available for review on the WVDE's MIC3 website at <https://wvde.us/certification/military-partnerships->

[common-ground/military-interstate-childrens-compact-commission-mic3/](https://www.common-ground.org/military-interstate-childrens-compact-commission-mic3/). Meeting minutes are available by e-mail.

Information about a West Virginia specific MIC3 Professional Development Opportunity was distributed to all 55 County Superintendents via e-mail as part of a State Superintendent's update on February 21, 2022. The WVDE has sent a message with information about MIC3 in the State Superintendent's update annually since 2015.

Information about MIC3 is being provided as part of required training for military family point of contacts of Purple Star Award activities. The application for the Purple Star Award was released on April 15, 2021, and two classes of the Purple Star Award were announced during FY 2022. In the future, these awards will be announced annually to recognize military friendly schools and a training solely focused on MIC3 will become a mandatory part of the application process for the Purple Star Award. Mr. Phillip Cantrell, Mr. Robert Mellace and Mrs. Lindsey Dablow collaborated this year to provide an MIC3 webinar for West Virginia educators which occurred on February 28, 2022, at 3:00pm and a video of the training may be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7AxPs7uCp68>. There were over 50 participants who registered for the live training session and others have reviewed the training video since the meeting has concluded.

Information about MIC3 is included on the Common Ground Partnership's website and has become an integral part of the group's activities. This year, the Common Ground Partnership promoted a speaker series, the Purple Star Award and the state's inaugural Military Signing Week, which have all led to educators, students and military families becoming better informed about supportive resources. The West Virginia Board of Education issued an updated [resolution](#) recognizing April as Purple Up Month and supports for military children and their families during their April 13, 2022, meeting. To learn more about MIC3 related activities in West Virginia, please contact Mr. Robert P. Mellace III at [rmellace@k12.wv.us](mailto:rmellace@k12.wv.us).



## Wisconsin End-of-Year Report FY2021-2022

First Name: Shelley Joan

Last Name: Weiss

I am the Compact  
Commissioner for: Wisconsin

The membership of the  
state's MIC3 council  
consists of the following:

- Shelley Joan Weiss, Commissioner
- Chair Dr. Jill Underly - Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Thomas McCarthy - Executive Director for the State
- Superintendent Andrea Donegan - Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Liaison, School Counseling Consultant
- Benjamin Jones - DPI Legal Counsel (Kari Race - Designated Substitute)
- Senator Patrick Testin - Legislative Representative
- Michael Hanson - Superintendent of Tomah Area School District (Military Impacted Schools)
- Amy Van Deuren - Superintendent of Sparta Area School District (Military Impacted Schools)
- Rebecca Walley - Wisconsin School Liaison Officer for Military Families (based at Fort McCoy)
- Lt Col John Wheeler - Interim Military Representative
- Lynn Sisco - Military Family Representative
- JD Englehardt - Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Child and Youth Program
- Rebecca Boehlke - Representative, Military One Source (excused)
- Stephanie Hauser - Representative, Executive Director of the WIAA
- Angelene Mattes - Representative, WI Parent Teacher Association
- Derek Campbell - Executive Branch Representative
- Stacy Eslick - Wisconsin School Counselor Association Executive Director

Two points of contact for  
issues related to the  
Compact in my state are:

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Andrea Donegan, WI Department of Public Instruction,  
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Accomplishments:

- Met twice (AUG 2021/MARCH 2022)
- Shared information with all members of the Wisconsin State Council on a regular basis (from DPI, MIC3, MCEC, DODEA, Military One Source, NMFA, individual members)
- Shared information with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, Wisconsin Association of School Counselors, Individual School Districts, Military Commanders, State Representatives and Senators, various newspapers, radio, and television stations
- Communicating with the offices of Governor Tony Evers
- Collaborated with State Superintendent Underly and Governor Tony Evers to prepare proclamations for the Month of the Military Child

- Submitted copies of Proclamations to MIC3
- Submitted several samples of social media support from various schools to MIC3
- Collaborated with a military spouse who owns a t-shirt business responsible for a Purple Up t-shirt. Shared the information on t-shirt sales with all WI Council Members, all Commissioners, and a variety of schools and associations. Profits are donated to MCEC.
- Was interviewed for a local newspaper on my role as Commissioner.
- Collaborated with WI DPI to update website.
- Have continued to work with the WI Army National Guard on the Educator Leadership Rendezvous. Canceled for 2022 due to high demands on WI Army National Guard and changes in leadership.

Activities:

- The WI State Council met twice (AUG 2021 and MARCH 2022)

Presentations:

- Was interviewed by a local newspaper on my role as Commissioner.
- Presentations were limited due to ongoing COVID restrictions in WI.

## 2021-2022 Wyoming End-of-Year Report

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following members

- Chad Delbridge, Principal, Freedom Elementary School
- Nancy Warner, 90 FSS/FSFR, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, United States Air Force
- Representative Burt Marshall, Wyoming State House of Representatives
- Senator Lynn Hutchings, Wyoming State Senate Representative
- Lt Col Phillip Wheeler, 90 MSG/CD, Frances E. Warren Air Force Base, United States Air Force
- CPO Edward Red, U.S. Navy Representative, Navy Operation Support Center, Frances E. Warren Air Force Base
- Erica Legerski, Policy Advisor, Budget, Transportation, and Military, Office of the Governor, Wyoming State Capitol
- Thom Jones, Education Consultant, Special Education Programs Division, Wyoming State Department of Education
- Lachelle Brant, Policy Advisor, Education, Office of the Governor, Wyoming State Capitol
- Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer, Wyoming State Department of Education

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:

1. Chad Delbridge
2. Thom Jones

### Accomplishments

- The State Council supported and advocated for the Month of the Military Child by obtaining a proclamation from the Governor of Wyoming, on April 18th for a school - wide assembly at Freedom Elementary School. Members of Base command from F.E. Warren AFB were in attendance for this event.

### Activities

1. The State Council met five times this past year in June, August, December, March, and May
2. Tammie Perreault from the Defense State Liaison Office was invited to attend the Wyoming State Council meeting in May to discuss Advanced Enrollment with committee members.

### Presentations

- Laramie County School District #1 invited Commissioner Chad Delbridge to present to all District Superintendents, District Principals, and other District Leadership, on Month of the Military Child, eS2S (Elementary Student 2 Student). Commissioner Delbridge also spoke about how schools in Cheyenne could continue to help provide successful transitions in schools for military children.