



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



MEMORANDUM

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

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

DATE: May 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Connecticut State Council for Military Children

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 2022-23 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 37th 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 22, 2022. The Council discussed the MIC3 training webinars. Several MSLC members expressed interest in receiving notification of these training sessions. The group was advised that the Commission would be voting on the NGR issue at the Annual Business Meeting. The groups were advised of the need for an amendment to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-15f to correct a citation error. It also reviewed the proposed amendment to MIC3 Rule 6.102 Eligibility for Extracurricular Activities. The Council and the MSLC provided local school district and service updates to the group.

The Council's second joint meeting with the MSLC of this fiscal year was held in person on May 11, 2023. The group was advised of the Commission's decision on the NGR issue, the progress

of the bill to amend the Connecticut Compact language, the Commission's discussion of data collection, and the Penn State Study (SPEAK Military Children.) The group also discussed the need to define "deployment" for the purpose of clarifying when a family may ask for the 10-day excused absence (which is required under state law.) The progress on the documentation of military enlistment for the purpose of reporting post-secondary outcomes was also discussed.

The Commissioner's Designee attended the MCEC Conference and the NAFIS September 2022 Conference as the MIC3 representative. Also, the Commissioner's Designee and the School Liaison Officer for the Submarine Base conducted a join MIC3/SLO training session for Groton Public Schools counselors on November 8, 2022.

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