

Florida 2023 End-of-Year Report

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I am the Compact
Commissioner for: Florida

The membership of the
state's MIC3 council
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(Will be leaving soon)
Dr. Peggy Aune, 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
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Representative for the Office of the Governor (Vacant)
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Elaine LaJeunesse, School Liaison, Eglin Air Force Base
Lacey Allen, School Liaison, Hurlburt Field
Venetia Waters, School Liaison, MacDill Air Force Base
Susan Clark, School Liaison, Patrick Space Force Base
Stephanie Grout (acting), School Liaison, Tyndall Air Force Base
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Dawn Mills, School Liaison, Key West Naval Air Station
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Accomplishments:

- The Florida Council supported the establishment and implementation of the Purple Star Schools of Distinction program through the Florida Department of Education.
- The Florida Council assisted and provided wording for the Governor's proclamation of April as the Month of the Military Child in Florida.
- The Florida Council recognized departing staff with national MIC3-level recognition, particularly departing Senior Chancellor Jacob Oliva.
- Supported awareness for school district superintendents of Florida Senate Bill 662, which amended Florida Statutes that military orders are enough to establish residency for transferring military families who do not have a permanent address yet.

Activities:

- The council met on the first Friday of each quarter over the past year. Regular participants include Cherise Imai of the national office or one of her staff, who give updates. Meetings are hosted by the Florida Department of Education.
- The commissioner attended the Annual Business Meeting of MIC3 in Baton Rouge, LA in November of 2022. School Liaison Officers are participants in each quarterly meeting and offer insights into issues and cases ongoing.

Presentations:

- Purple Star Schools designation update given by Andria Cole, Chief, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach.
- IDEA and Section 504 Requirements; Supports for Students with Disabilities in Florida, Jessica Brattain, Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services.
- Month of the Military Child and "Purple Up" Day, Damera Hopkins, School Counseling Consultant and Military Lead Contact, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services.
- House Bill 1 and House Bill 1125 discussed by FDOE's Legislative Affairs Director, Cory Dowd.
- Compact 101 presented several times around the state, including twice for Okaloosa County teachers and staff.