

## **Opening Items**

- Commissioner Nickolas Sojka opened up with the welcome and Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Recognition of Service**

- Superintendent Truitt recognized Rep. John Sozka for his commitment to the state of NC.

## **General Updates**

- Introduction of MLCs (Howard Lattimore): Two new MLCs with Onslow County Schools (Mary Beth Lanto) and Cumberland County Schools (Mr. Reginald Fields)
- Purple Star Award Application Updates (Howard Lattimore):
  - 43 new schools submitted
  - 5 new LEAs & 1 Charter

Principals' Meetings on Installation (Tabari Wallace): Spoke to the previous comments on the cohort model, networking, and working with one another; military is most underutilized avenue to post-secondary success; Tabari works with principals to help inform them about the benefits of the military

## **ACTIVITIES**

- Principal's Day; Superintendent's Day; Military Day in High Schools; School Field Trips to Military Installations; Academic Support to Ensure Preparedness (ASVAB Prep)
- Updates: March 21st - Superintendent Day at Fort Bragg; April 27, 2023 Principal Day Craven County

## **MIC3 Training**

- Pope Airfield & Cumberland County (February 3, 2023): Shevelle Godwin spoke to this as a learning experience for student transitions; parents asked good questions about students transitioning from high school to beyond; Wake County has over 9,000 military-connected students so important to have our families knowledgeable about the MIC3. Back in 2011, did a campaign to reach every military child (8 SLOs went across the state); attend Regional Meetings and draw awareness across the state.

## **Fort Bragg Educators' Meeting**

- Smith Lake Conference Center (March 21, 2023):
- Challenges - high school transcripts; resending school failing to request transcripts;

## **MIC3 Cases/Scenarios**

- None from Angie Mullennix; Opened up to the council members for contribution.
- Council Members:

## **MIC3 Commissioner Overview**

- Invited to and involved in MIC3 Training.
- Lindsey Dablow & Susan Haberstroh participated.
- Real world event; visited one of the local schools. Powerful learning.

- Sojka shared his role at the training. Make sure students are not penalized due to transition.
- Talk to individuals in local school districts; paint a picture of a valiant military family.
- Do everything he can to ensure NC is supportive of military families.
- PD Day for Educators in Cumberland February 21, 2023. BG Quander shared vital information from his West Point experience and perspective. He shared the challenges of young people coping with failure and developing resiliency and interpersonal skills. JROTC/Basic Training/Service Academies - team approach work best and not weed 'em out. USMA will never be test-optional. Provide slots for cadets that will be successful. High School Sports is a great indicator.
- Fort Bragg and Cumberland County discussing building a replacement for EE Smith High School. The CC Board has approved moving forward with building a new school.
- Senate Bill 187 - Senate Education Committee (Senate McKinnis) teacher licensing flexibility and retired teachers return; military spouses that are PCS into NC. Retroproxiy offered to spouses of military service members. Conversation needed with legislators. NCDPI Licensure Office - front load applications if applicants indicate they are the spouse of a service member. Make sure our public school folks are sensitive to our military families. The concern is it changes after the military service member retires.  
→Tabari Wallace shared

**-Hot Topics**

**-Public Comments**

**-Final Remarks**

**-Schedule Next Meeting - November 7th Cumberland County (Tentative); Childcare DOD Program just began;**

**-Adjourn**