

# North Carolina 2023 End-of-Year Report

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I am the Compact  
Commissioner for: North Carolina

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

Mrs. Catherine Truitt, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Dr. Angie Mullennix, State Superintendent's Designee  
Mr. Nickolas (Nick) Sojka, Commissioner (Governor's  
Appointment)  
Rep. Donnie Loftis (N.C. Senate Appointment)  
Rep. Erin Pare (N.C. House Appointment)  
Mrs. Jamie Livengood, Military Liasion Counselor, Wayne  
County Schools  
Dr. Aaron Fleming, Superintendent, Harnett County Schools  
Mr. Bill Lanier, Member of the Onslow County Board of  
Education (N.C. School Boards Association Representative)

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Accomplishments:

1. Through its State Council meetings and district level advocacy, the State Council continues to support State Superintendent Truitt's push for North Carolina schools to become Purple Star Schools and for entire districts to become Purple Star Districts, and those numbers continue to increase across the state, and not only in those districts adjacent to our large installations.

2. The Fort Bragg SLO's, led by Dr. Shevelle Godwin, along with Commissioner Sojka and Cumberland County Schools, hosted in-person MIC3 training for numerous North Carolina school district military liasion counselors on February 3, 2023. Lindsey Dablow of MIC3 and former Delaware Commissioner Susan Haberstroh provided the training.

Activities:

1. The State Council met in-person at the North Carolina Dept. of Public Instruction on December 9, 2022 and March 15, 2023.

2. In-person MIC3 training for North Carolina school district military liaison counselors took place on February 3, 2023 in Fayetteville, North Carolina (see above).

3. State Superintendent Truitt and Dr. Mullennix of the North Carolina Dept. of Public Instruction hosted a statewide Purple Star recognition event on May 16, 2023 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Presentations:

As described in the State Council meeting agendas and minutes attached to the North Carolina MIC3 page, numerous presentations took place at the State Council meetings on December 9, 2022 and March 15, 2023, including without limitation mapping of the widespread distribution of military-connected students throughout North Carolina, and positive correlations between Purple Star school designations and measurable levels of student achievement.