

MILITARY INTERSTATE  
CHILDREN'S COMPACT  
COMMISSION

# End of Year Reporting 2023

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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 2023, July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

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## End of Year Report Summary

State	Reports Submitted	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Alabama	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	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, 22-23	1	1	1	1	1	1
California	20-21, 21-22				1	1	
Colorado	18-19, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23		1		1	1	1
Connecticut	17-18, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23	1		1	1	1	1
Delaware	19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23			1	1	1	1
District of Columbia	21-22, 22-23					1	1
Florida	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
Georgia	20-21, 22-23				1	1	1
Hawaii	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 22-23	1	1	1	1	1	1
Idaho	19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23			1	1	1	1
Illinois	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
Indiana	21-22, 22-23					1	1
Iowa	19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23			1	1	1	1
Kansas	18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23		1	1	1	1	1
Kentucky	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23	1	1	1	1	1	1
Louisiana	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
Maine	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
Maryland	20-21, 22-23				1	1	1
Massachusetts	17-18, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23	1	1	1	1	1	1
Michigan	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
Minnesota	20-21, 22-23				1	1	1
Mississippi	21-22					1	
Missouri	17-18, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23	1			1	1	1
Montana	17-18, 20-21, 22-23	1			1	1	1
Nebraska	20-21, 22-23				1	1	1
Nevada	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
New Hampshire	18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23		1	1	1	1	1
New Jersey	20-21, 21-22				1	1	
New Mexico	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
New York	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23	1	1	1	1	1	1
North Carolina	19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23			1	1	1	1
North Dakota	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
Ohio	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 21-22, 22-23	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oklahoma	17-18, 20-21, 22-23	1			1	1	1
Oregon	19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23			1	1	1	1
Pennsylvania	19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23			1	1	1	1
Rhode Island	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
South Carolina	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
South Dakota	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
Tennessee	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23	1	1	1	1	1	1
Texas	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
Utah	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
Vermont	21-22					1	
Virginia	17-18, 18-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23	1	1	1	1	1	1
Washington	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
West Virginia	17-18, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23	1			1	1	1
Wisconsin	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
Wyoming	20-21, 21-22, 22-23				1	1	1
<b>As of 8/7/2023</b>	<b>Total reports</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>
	<b>Percentage (51)</b>	<b>27.5%</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>35.3%</b>	<b>92.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>88.2%</b>

## **2022-2023 Alabama MIC3 End of the Year Report**

**Submitted by Dr. Douglas L. Ragland, Alabama Commissioner**

**There have been excellent accomplishments during the 2022-23 year in the state of Alabama in relation to MIC3 and Military Families in general, as well as other governmental issues in our state and they are as follows:**

- **The Honorable Governor Kay Ivey approved a Military Proclamation for Month of the Military Child on April 15, 2023. I have attached the Proclamation to this email.**
- **The Honorable Governor Kay Ivey approved a Commendation for the Alabama Council under the leadership of Dr. Douglas L. Ragland on June 22, 2023. I have attached the Proclamation to this email.**
- **I am currently a member of the Legislative Appointed Alabama Purple Star Schools Committee. This committee, along with the support of the Alabama State Superintendent of Education have increased the number of Purple Star Schools to 175 as it stands for 2023. This is an increase of 122 additional schools that were designated Purple Star School status in 2023.**
- **We have successfully resolved all cases pertaining to our Military Families in Alabama for 2022-23.**
- **The River Region Summit was held in February and March 2023 in Phenix City and Huntsville Alabama. These summits are professional development opportunities for the local school systems on MIC3, S2S programs, and overall support for Purple Star School Program (PSSP).**

**Erica Lewis, School Liaison Officer for Redstone Arsenal has displayed excellent leadership as a School Liaison Officer in her community for 2022-23 are as follows:**

**\*SLO, along with the Redstone Arsenal Garrison Commander, COL Brian Cozine, participated in the Impact Aid kickoff with our 3 local school districts (Huntsville City Schools, Madison City Schools, and Madison County Schools). Throughout the campaign, information was shared with RSA workforce and residents on Impact Aid.**

**\*SLO partnered with Lindsay Dablow to facilitate a virtual Compact 101 training for educators and administrators in Madison County School System. The training was very informative, and the staff were very appreciative.**

**\*Successfully re-established the weekly RSA Home School Program.**

**\*SLO coordinated with local schools to have over 120 people from RSA organizations participate in Read Across America. Volunteer readers went to 12 different schools across 3 school districts to read to students on Dr. Seuss's birthday. They shared stories and the importance of reading. \*SLO and RSA Garrison Commander, COL Brian Cozine shared opening remarks for the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) 360 Summit. The SLO talked with educators about the role of a School Liaison Officer and thanked them for the vital role teachers' play in easing the transition of military-connected students.**

**\*SLO served as a reviewer for the state's 2022 Purple Star Schools applications. All 3 school districts in Madison County are now Purple Star Districts.**

**\*SLO conducted a parent workshop titled "Kindergarten Here We Come" to help parents and their children prepare for the transition to kindergarten. Parents learned about developmentally appropriate tasks that are indicators of readiness for kindergarten as well as ways they can start preparing their child for kindergarten. At the end of the presentation, participants were given a copy of The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn.**

**\* SLO 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.**

**\*SLO held the annual Kindergarten Boot Camp for children in the Strong Beginnings program in May. 35students were able to rotate through stations to help them see what a day of kindergarten will be like once they start school. Ms. Tenisha Cummings, principal of Williams Elementary School, came out to talk to the students about what to expect as a kindergarten student. It was a fun event for all.**

**The following report from Maxwell Air Force for Robert Richert and Katherine Ganster, highlights MIC Issues, Non-MIC3 Issues, Legislative Actions, Purple Star Schools and Community Partnerships:**

#### **MIC3 Issues**

- A Military student transferred to AL from TX (mid-year) with enough HS credits to graduate on time in TX but not in AL, thus AL school would not 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 completed TX coursework in AL and received a TX diploma in AL this past May (2023).**

- **A Military student transferred to AL from CA with enough HS credits to graduate on time in CA but not in AL, thus AL school would not 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 completed CA coursework and Senior Project (Community Service) in AL and received a CA diploma in AL this past May (2023).**
- **Consultation with local Jr. High School Principal about MIC3 and additional excused absences for dependents of active duty departing for/returning from deployment, SEC.5.105, Absence as related to Deployment Activities.**

### **Non MIC3 Issues**

- **Consultation with parents who received a truancy letter from the County Attendance Officer. The parent was under the impression that the child's absences were excused due to his active-duty status. Upon further discussion with the parent, it was determined that the absences were unexcused as they were not related to him departing for/returning from deployment (SEC.5.105, Absence as related to Deployment Activities). School Liaison advised the parent to contact the Case Officer and determine how to best resolve the issue.**
- **An incident was reported at a school board meeting regarding a drug search of a student's (not military) vehicle at a local HS. Concern was expressed to the Superintendent about who was responsible to search the vehicle (RSO, Principal vs responding police officer on scene). The district is working with local police to determine processes/protocols for future searches on school property.**
- **An incident was reported at a school board meeting regarding a student (not military) in possession of a handgun on the campus of a local HS. The incident was reported to school administrators by a fellow student. The school board/Superintendent established a "State of School" meeting to inform parents of the issue and how districts/schools are responding.**
- **The parent (not military) addressed the school board over her concerns regarding recent events (fighting, gun possession) at the local Jr. HS. She expressed concern for her child and other children's safety on campus. She also relayed her displeasure at how the school failed to notify parents of the issues on campus.**
- **The local school board discussed instituting a clear bag policy on school campuses as a result of recent incidents at local schools (gun/drug possession). Several parents raised concerns to the Superintendent/School Board about incidents of weapons, drug searches, and fights in HS/Jr. HS campuses.**
- **Bullying issue at local school. The parent contacted the school liaison seeking guidance on how to address the bullying issue which (in her opinion) was not being**

handled properly by the school administration. School Liaison advised the parent of the school's bullying policy and provided the school's form to file an official complaint. The bullied child was provided with a safety plan for the remainder of the school year.

**Legislation (we are following)**

- **Alabama HB43 - To amend Section 16-28-4, Code of Alabama 1975, relating to the minimum age for attendance at public schools; to require a child to complete kindergarten or demonstrate first-grade readiness before entering the first grade; to provide for circumstances under which a child who is under five years of age on September 1 may be admitted to public kindergarten; to provide for circumstances under which a child who is under six years of age on December 31 may be admitted to public school first grade; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Section 111.05 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022.**

- **Sponsor – Pebblin Warren**

**Introduced (50% - Passed in the House) – February 23, 2023**

- **Alabama HB90 - Relating to special education; add Section 16-39-3.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that certain students with an intellectual disability are entitled to certain educational services up to the student's twenty-sixth birthday.**

**Sponsor – John Rogers**

**Introduced (25%) – March 7, 2023**

- **Alabama HB164 - Relating to public high schools; to require students to complete a personal financial literacy and money management course before graduation; to provide for the creation and administration of a financial literacy examination; and to require the reporting of a summary of examination results to the State Department of Education.**

**Sponsor – Andy Whitt**

**Introduced (75% - Passed in the House and Senate) – March 21, 2023**

- **Alabama HB218 - Relating to public K-12 education and the Alabama Accountability Act of 2013; to amend Sections 16-6D-3, 16-6D-4, 16-6D-6, 16-6D-8, and 16-6D-9, as amended by Act 2022-390, 2022 Regular Session, Code of Alabama 1975; to change the designation of a failing school to a fully supported school and the designation of a nonfailing school to a non-fully supported school; and to require the State Board of Education to reflect those changes in terminology when amending or adopting rules relating to the Alabama Accountability Act of 2013.**

**Sponsor – Artis McCampbell**

**Introduced (25%) – March 23, 2023**

- **Alabama HB261/SB211 - Relating to two-year and four-year public institutions of higher education; to amend Section 16-1-52, Code of Alabama 1975, to prohibit a biological male from participating on an athletic team or sport designated for**



**females; to prohibit a biological female from participating on an athletic team or sport designated for males; to prohibit adverse action against a public K-12 school or public two-year or four-year institution of higher education for complying with this act; to prohibit adverse action or retaliation against a student who reports a violation of this act; and to provide a remedy for any student who suffers harm as a result of a violation of this act.**

**Sponsor – Susan DuBose/April Weaver**

**Introduced (75% - Passed in the House and Senate) – April 5, 2023**

- **Alabama HB269/SB181 - Relating to K-12 public education; to amend Section 16-1-14, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide legislative findings; to provide a uniform system of procedural due process protections for students facing suspension or expulsion for violating the student code of conduct or state law; and to require the State Board of Education to adopt rules to implement this act.**

**Sponsor – Terri Collins/Rodger Smitherman**

**Introduced (25%) – April 5, 2023/Indefinitely Postponed – May 31, 2023**

- **Alabama HB280 - Relating to the Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act; to amend Section 31-1-6, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2022-92, 2022 Regular Session, to extend professional license reciprocity to spouses of United States Department of Defense civil servants; and to make nonsubstantive conforming changes to the law.**

**Sponsor – Phillip Rigsby**

**Introduced (25%) – April 11, 2023/Indefinitely postponed – May 2, 2023**

- **Alabama HB295/SB202 - Relating to education; to establish the Parental Rights in Children's Education (PRICE) Act relating to K-12 education; to secure the fundamental constitutional rights of parents to direct the education of their children; to create the PRICE Program; to establish a three-year phase-in period; to provide definitions; to establish the roles and responsibilities of the Parent Advisory Board, the Commissioner of Revenue, and the Department of Revenue; to create a process for granting education savings accounts; to establish funding mechanisms for the costs of education savings accounts and the administration of the program; to specify qualified expenses; to create requirements for education service providers; to establish an auditing, denial, and appeal mechanism for expenses, parents, participating students, and education service providers; to provide safeguards against any additional state control over or interference with nonpublic schools, their students, and their families; and to provide for legal remedies.**

**Sponsor – Ernie Yarbrough/Larry Strutts**

**Introduced (25%) – April 11, 2023**

- **Alabama HB354 - Relating to education; to amend Section 2 of Act 2022-290, now appearing as Section 16-40A-5, Code of Alabama 1975; to prohibit classroom instruction related to gender identity or sexual orientation in public K-12 schools at certain grade levels and in any grade level in a manner that is not age or developmentally appropriate; to require parents to be notified if there is a change in services or monitoring relating to his or her child's mental, emotional, or physical health; to require parents to be notified of health care services available to students and to allow a parent to opt his or her child out; to require parental consent for certain health care screenings or questionnaires for K-12 students; to provide parents with procedures to express their concern with a local board of education's compliance with certain policies; and to provide a remedy in certain situations.**

**Sponsor – Mack Butler**

**Introduced (25%) – April 20, 2023**

- **Alabama HB363 - Relating to the Alabama School Choice and Student Opportunity Act; to amend Sections 16-6F-5, 16-6F-6, and 16-6F-10, Code of Alabama 1975, to change the appointment process for the Alabama Public Charter School Commission; to authorize the commission to hire staff; to require commissioners to receive annual training; to provide additional guidelines for the authorizing and application review process; to provide further for the operational and categorical funding of public charter schools in their first year of operation; and to clarify the per pupil federal, state, and local funding of conversion public charter schools during their first year of operation.**

**Sponsor – Terri Collins**

**Introduced (75% - Passed in the House and Senate) – June 1, 2023.**

- **Alabama SB37 - Relating to the Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act; to amend Section 31-1-6, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2022-92, 2022 Regular Session, to extend professional license reciprocity to spouses of United States Department of Defense civil servants.**

**Sponsor – Sam Givhan**

**Introduced (75% - Passed in the House and Senate) – March 7, 2023**

### **Purple Star Schools**

- **122 additional schools were designated Purple Star School status in 2023. Bringing Alabama’s total to 175 Purple Star Schools. 53 schools achieved Purple Star Status in 2022.**

### **Community Events/Partnerships**

- **SL office coordinated guest speakers/service members to present at local schools for Veteran's Day.**

- **SL office coordinated the delivery of over 200+ thank you cards for Veterans at area Veterans Homes (Alex City) and Hospitals (Tuskegee/Montgomery)**
- **Coordinated three resiliency events with School Liaison Office, Military Family Life Counselor, and local high school students. More than 100 students served.**
- **SL office coordinated a base visit by the local HS Marching Band and Culinary Arts/Hospitality program for the Month of the Military Child. Opportunity to showcase activities/programs of local HS to base families and educate HS students about life behind the gates at Maxwell AFB.**
- **Partnered with MCEC Parent Support Programs and offered several "Tell Me a Story" programs for school-age children. Air Base Wing Vice Commander was our most recent featured guest reader.**
- **Along with Operation Homefront coordinated a base event featuring information booths from fifteen community partners and provided 260 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. We also collaborated with the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce to light the downtown fountain purple and the Prattville Chamber of Commerce to celebrate Purple Up Prattville (a recognition event for military children and the 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 MCEC and conducted three MIC3 101 training sessions for school/district office personnel MCEC's 360 conferences during the winter/spring sessions. Trained 85 school personnel.**
- **Coordinated base visit by over 200+ students to participate in Operation Welcome Home (VW traveling memorial)**
- **Kim Kozel has been so successful in resolving cases for families stationed at Ft. Novosel,( Formerly Fort Rucker) in Alabama and has been very successful in showing leadership in the community for our Military fFamilies, as well as making the community aware of MIC3. In Kim's community in Southeast Alabama Also in her Community in Southeast Alabama, all of Dale County Schools received the Purple Star School Distinction and two more school were awarded the distinction in Ozark City Schools, thus making all schools in the Ozark City School system Purple Star Designated Schools. Kim has also been very instrumental in Story Board**

**Events in the schools in her community and I have attached those events to this report.**

**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.**



**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
ARKANSAS COUNCIL FOR MILITARY CHILDREN  
TO THE GOVERNOR  
AND SENATE AND HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEES  
COVERING ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023**

## 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023. 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 2022-2023, or AY 2022-2023.

ACA 6-28-204 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.

The Council has enjoyed significant successes during the 2022-23 Academic Year, most notably in advancing its recognition programs. Educating military families about their rights under Arkansas law has continued to be a challenge; the Council has recently implemented an e-newsletter for military families, which should help to ameliorate the problem. The most significant challenge the Council faces at this point is lack of funding to continue to advance recognition programs for schools and for military families.

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

During the last academic year the Council has focused its efforts on five 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; 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; and surveying military families in Arkansas to determine the knowledge among military families of their statutory rights and the resources available to them.

### A. Military Family Forum.

The Council conducted an online forum on May 5, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. No families addressed the Council.

The Council conducted an in-person forum at the Little Rock Air Force Base on June 14, 2023, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Fifteen families participated. None expressed dissatisfaction with support for military under Arkansas law.

### B. Recognition Programs.

The Outstanding Service to Military Families Award was presented to three individuals.

The award to recognize Outstanding District Military Education Coordinators was presented to two individuals.

The Council has continued its work 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 2024.

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 93 on June 30, 2022 to 114 as of June 30, 2023. A sortable list of Arkansas Purple Star Schools is available at [this link](#) on the Council web site. The number of school districts qualifying for recognition as Purple Star School Districts has risen from nine on June 30, 2022 to 13 on June 30, 2023. Two charter school districts and two private schools have achieved Purple Star status. A sortable list of Arkansas Purple Star School Districts is available at [this link](#) on the Council web site. A chart depicting the increase in Purple Star Schools for the first half of 2023 is at **Appendix A**.

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 four 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 voted to suspend temporarily presenting banners for this reason.

#### 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.

The Council has also created a free monthly e-newsletter to provide information more directly to military families and the educators who work with them. Any person may subscribe to the newsletter [at this link](#). Members may unsubscribe at any time. The first edition of the newsletter was published on June 1, 2023.

- E. Survey. The survey of military families was opened publicized on January 31, 2023 via Commissioner's Memo COM-23-079. Responses were accepted through March 31, 2023. 370 responses were received. Results of the survey are presented in **Appendix B**.

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

The Council submitted the annual report to MIC3 required by the MIC3 Rule 2.102.

### **III. Children of Military Families Transferring Into and Out of Arkansas Public School Districts During AY 2022-2023**

A table with data on the number of children of military families transferring into and out of Arkansas public school districts is at **Appendix C**. 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.**

No cases under the Interstate Compact have been elevated to the Council during AY 2022-23.

### **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 D**.

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

During AY 2023-2024 the Council will:



- A) Conduct at least one Military Family Forum, 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) Continue to conduct training statewide. Training activities will include information on the LEARNS Act and other legislative action relevant to children of military families.
- D) Use the results of the survey of military families to refine and focus the Council’s outreach efforts.
- E) Increase the number of Purple Star Schools from 114 to 200.
- F) Revise criteria to qualify as a Purple Star School to include building-level plans to engage military families.
- G) Implement a statewide award to recognize an Outstanding Military Scholar.
- H) Implement a program to recognize cities and counties as Purple Star Communities.
- I) Conduct a follow-up survey of military families.

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

A. Membership. The Council consists of the following statutory members:

<b>INCUMBENT</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
Col. (Ret.) John Kaminar, Chair	Military Family Engagement Advisor, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
Andelyn Wright, Vice Chair and Chair of the Military Family Forum Committee	Soldier and Family Readiness Specialist, Fort Chaffee
Emily Taylor	Director of Counseling, Cabot Public Schools
Dr. Jeremy Owoh	Superintendent, Jacksonville-North Pulaski School District
Don Hoover	Executive Director of Student Services, Bentonville School District
Dr. Shawn Cook	Superintendent, Lakeside School District
Loreena Hegenbart	Parent Mentor, The Center for Exceptional Families
Dr. Kerry Schneider	Superintendent, Cedarville School District
LaShawnDa Noel	Executive Director, Lighthouse Academies of Arkansas
Brittany Edwards	Chief Legal Counsel, Arkansas Department of the Military
Jody Bergstrom, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee	Executive Director, Camp Alliance, Inc.
Terri Williams, Chair of the Outreach Committee	School Liaison Program manager, Little Rock Air Force Base
Brian Melton	Staff Supervisory Administrator, 90 <sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade, Camp Pike

Christyal Parker	Assistant Executive Director, Arkansas Activities Association
Sen. Jane English	Chair, Arkansas Senate Education Committee
Rep. Karilyn Brown	Arkansas House Education Committee
Bobbie Olles, Military Family Education Liaison	STEM Advisor for Mathematics, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
Col. Bernard Smith, Department of Defense Liaison (Non-Voting)	19 <sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group Commander, Little Rock Air Force Base

The following persons have served the Council at its request under authority of ACA 6-28-204(d)(2):

INCUMBENT	POSITION
Dr. Janice Walker, Chair of the Awards Committee	Assistant Superintendent, Jacksonville-North Pulaski School District
Rick Porter, Special Education Advisor	Special Education Program Advisor, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
Jessica Saum, Special Advisor	2022 Arkansas teacher of the Year, Cabot Public Schools
Abby Cress, Secretary to the Council	Grants Manager, Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

The membership of the Council with contact information and biographies is available [at this link](#).

B. Meetings. A schedule of Council meetings is at **Appendix E**. A schedule of committee meetings and work group meetings is at **Appendix F**. 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. All school districts required to appoint a district military education coordinator are in compliance with the statute.

D. Training for School Liaison Program Managers.

On September 14, 2022 Col. (Ret.) Kaminar, Ms. Williams, and Ms. Saum assisted with training school liaison program managers for the Air Force in San Antonio, Texas. The members of the Council were asked to assist because of the exceptionally strong relationship between the Council and the school liaison office at the Little Rock Air Force Base.

E. Recognition of Arkansas “Best Practices”.

The Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3) held its national Annual Business Meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana October 19 and 20, 2022. Col. (Ret.) Kaminar and Ms. Williams represented Arkansas at the meeting. During her keynote address, Ms. Sherene Brown (spouse of Air Force Chief of Staff General Charles Q. Brown) cited a number of “best practices” of the Arkansas Council for Military Children as examples for other state councils to follow. The summary document she used, which was

prepared for her by representatives of the Air Force’s “Five and Thrive” Program to support military families, is at **Appendix G**.

F. Recognition of Arkansas Legislative Action.

During the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting Arkansas was recognized for its legislative action to extend the protections of the Interstate Compact to the children of Reserve Component service members. The MIC3 general counsel recommend Arkansas as an example for other states to follow in the memorandum at **Appendix H**.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/

John I. Kaminar  
Compact Commissioner for Arkansas and  
Council Chair

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Andelyn Wright  
Council Vice Chair

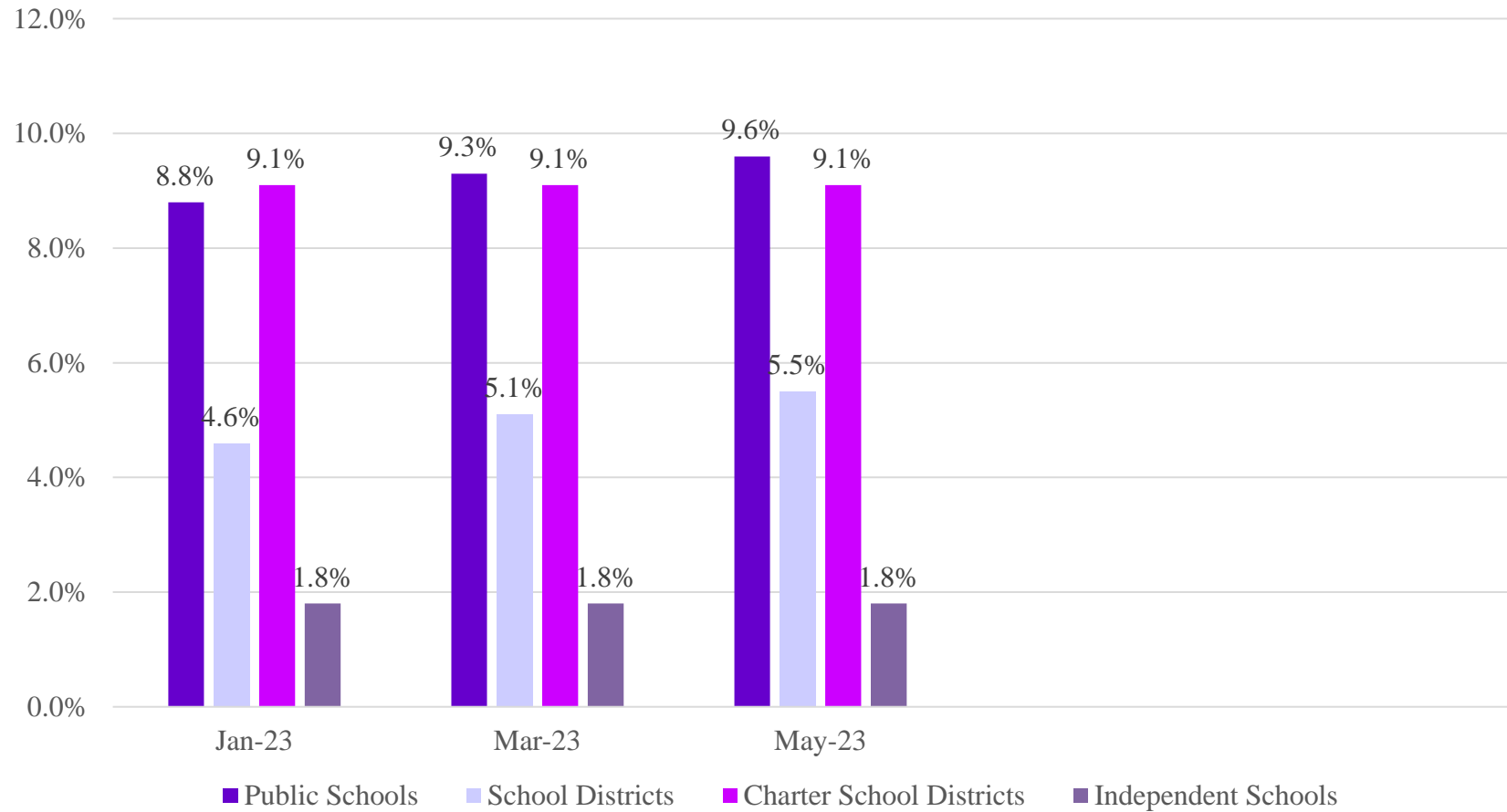
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## **Appendix A: Increase in Purple Star Schools During First Half of 2023**

The chart on the next page shows the increase in Purple Star Schools from January 2023 through May 2023.

# Purple Star School Status

As of May 1, 2023



Schools: 1056 (Including Charter Schools)

Traditional School Districts: 237

Charter School Districts: 22

Independent Schools: 113

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## **Appendix B: Survey of Military Families – Results as of April 3, 2023**

The next several pages show the results of the survey of military families conducted by the Council during the months of February and March 2023. The results indicate that the Council must focus its outreach efforts on educating military families about the resources available to them.

# Survey of Military Families

Final Results as of April 3, 2023



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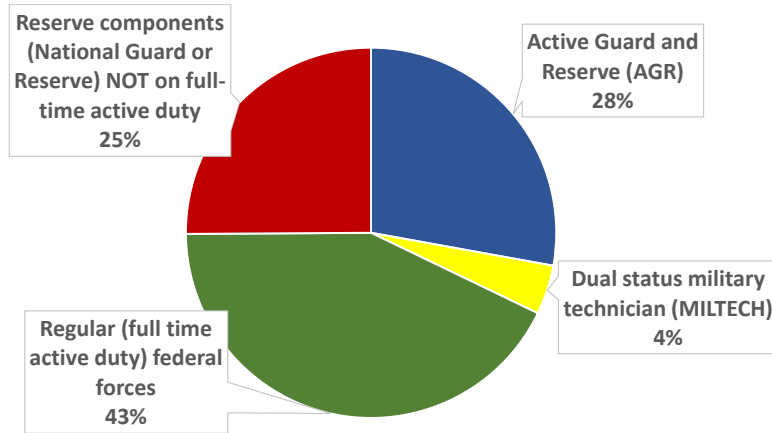
## Response Statistics

- 370 responses received
- 255 respondents indicated current military connection
- 102 respondents indicated former military service
- 13 respondents indicated no military connection at all
- Responses with no military connection were removed
- Responses to questions 2 through 28 are broken out into subgroups



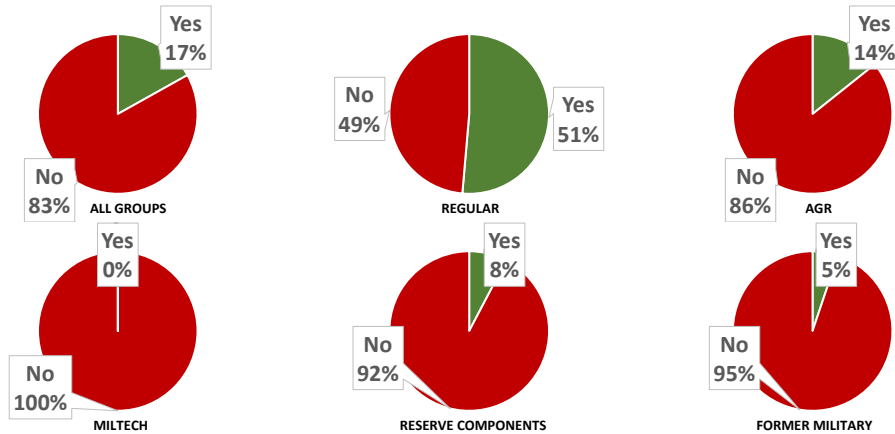
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# 1. Which of the following best identifies your family's current military status?



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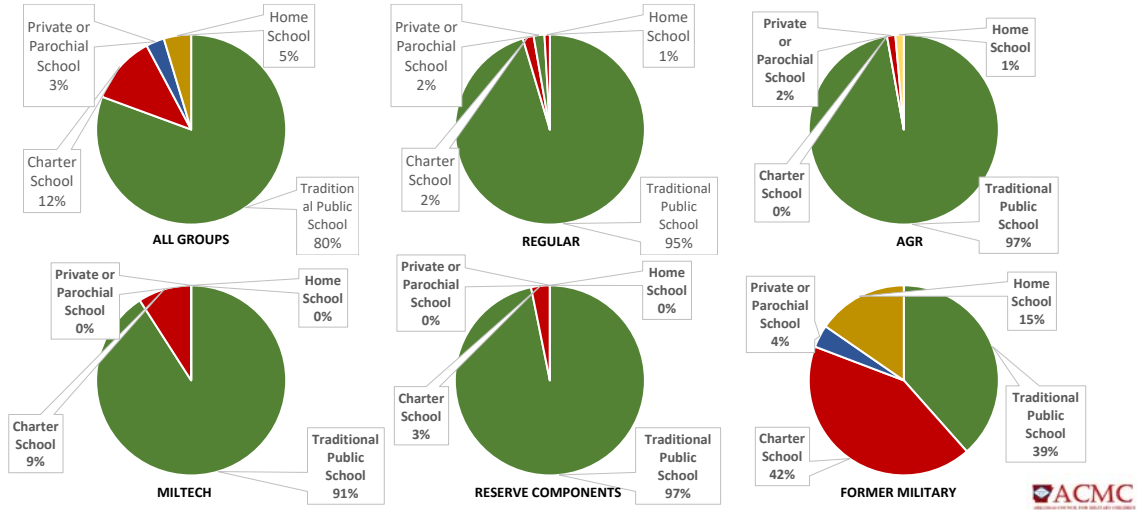
# 2. Has your family relocated to Arkansas from another state since June 30, 2020, FOR MILITARY SERVICE?



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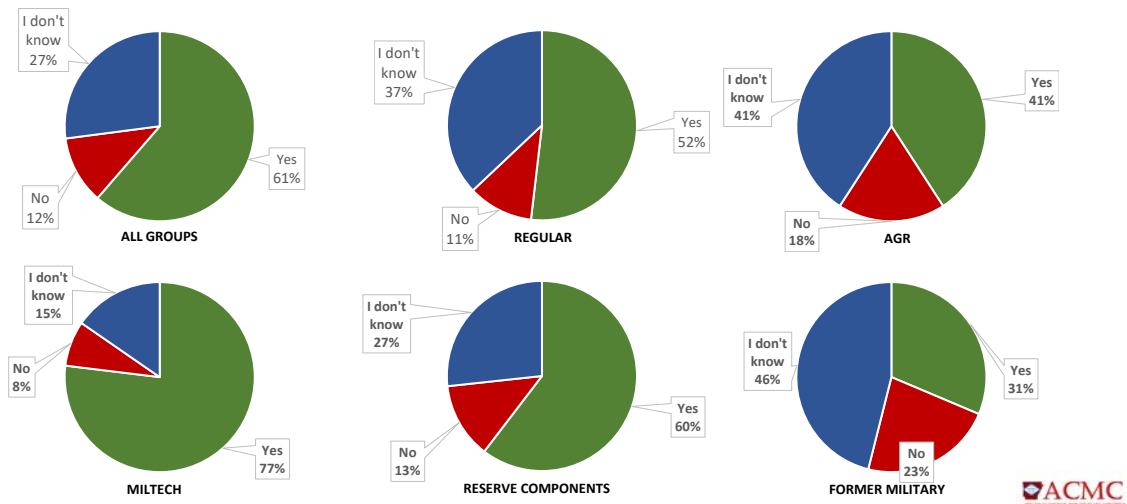


### 3. Which of the following best describes the type of school in which your child is currently enrolled?



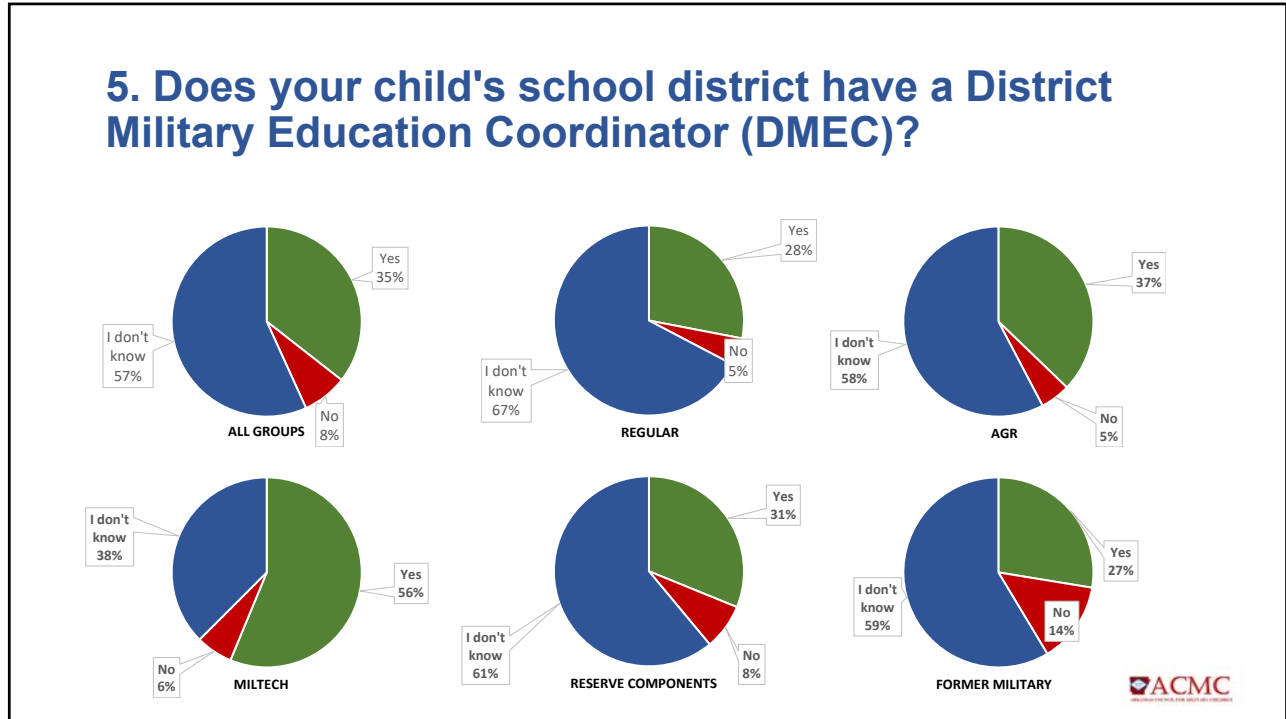
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### 4. Is your child currently attending school in a Purple Star School?



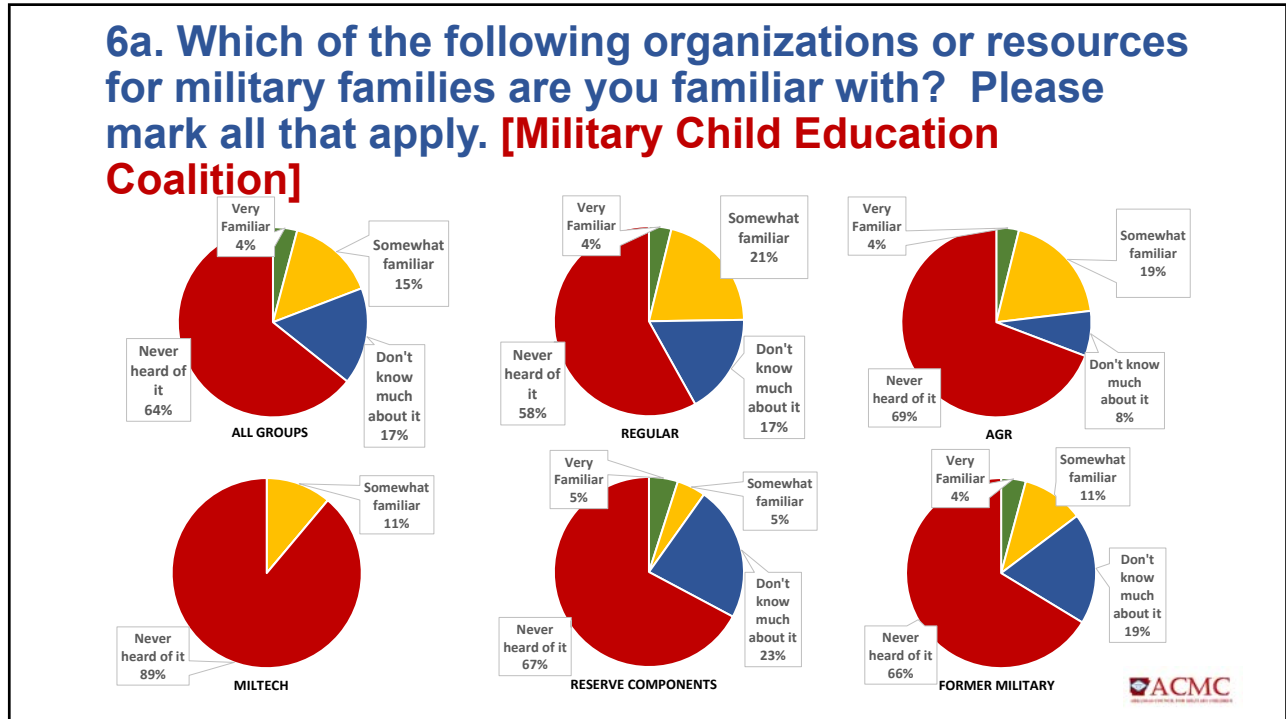
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## 5. Does your child's school district have a District Military Education Coordinator (DMEC)?



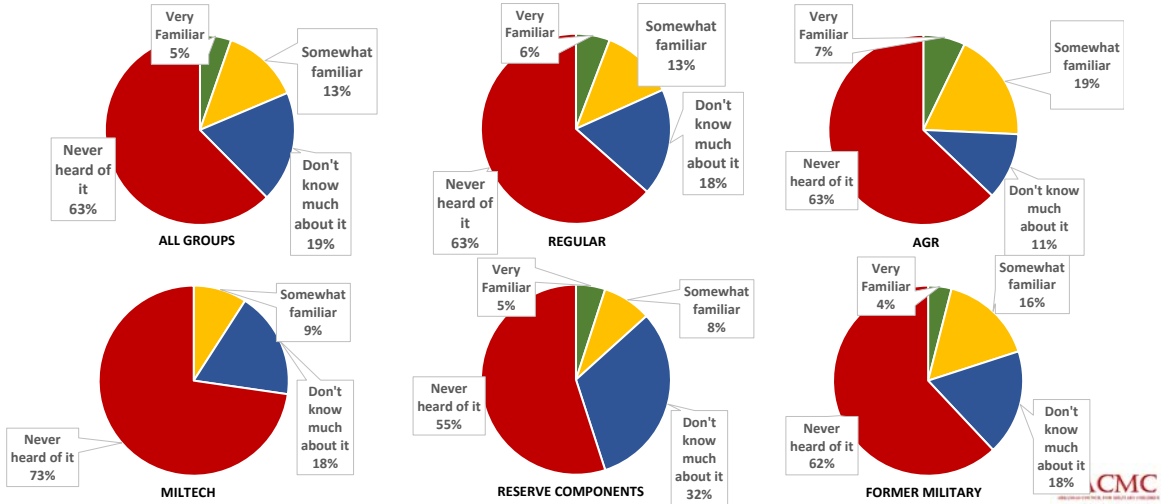
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## 6a. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [Military Child Education Coalition]



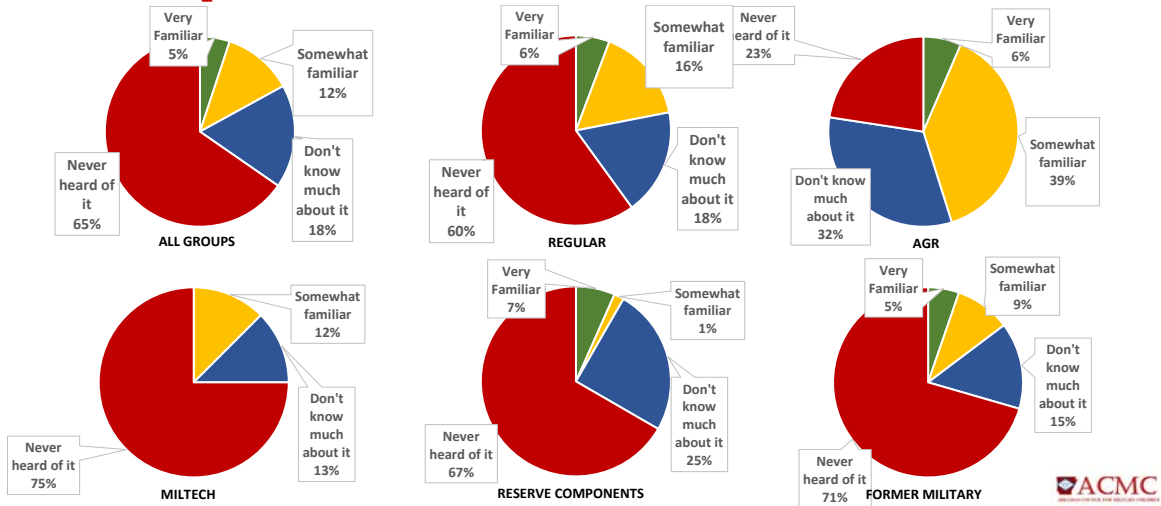
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**6b. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [National Military Family Association]**



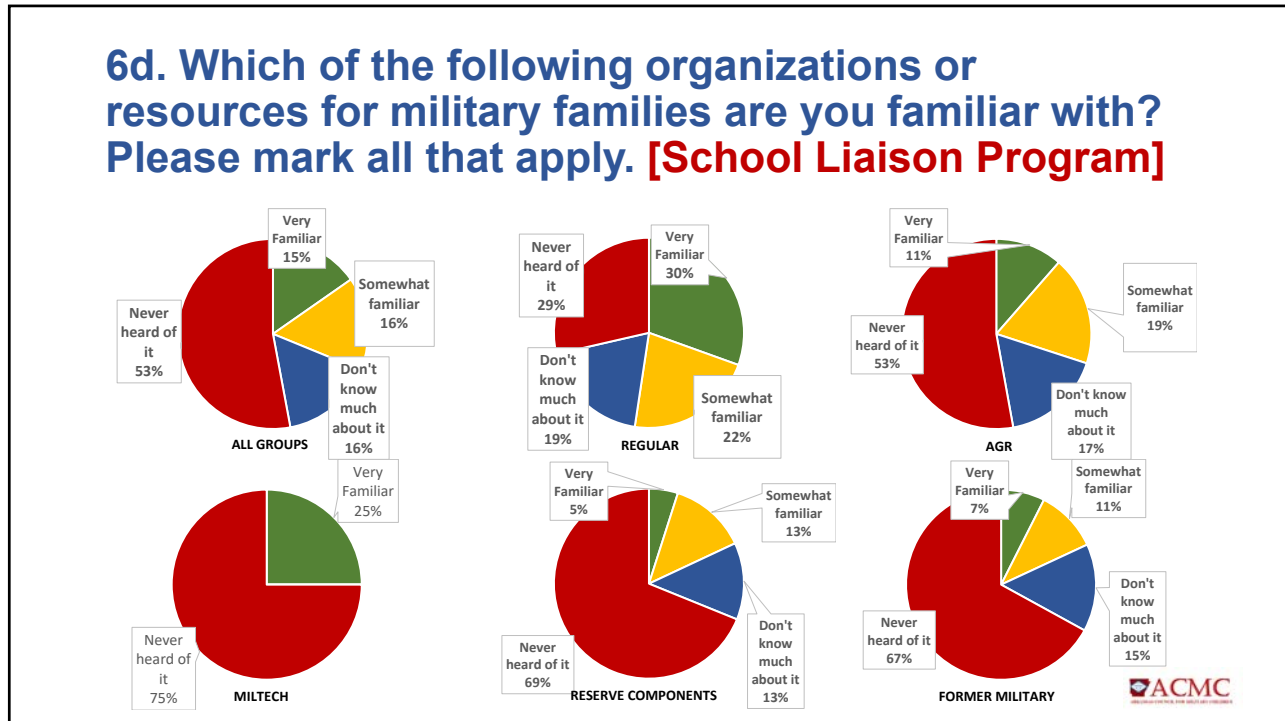
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**6c. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [Military Family Advisory Network]**



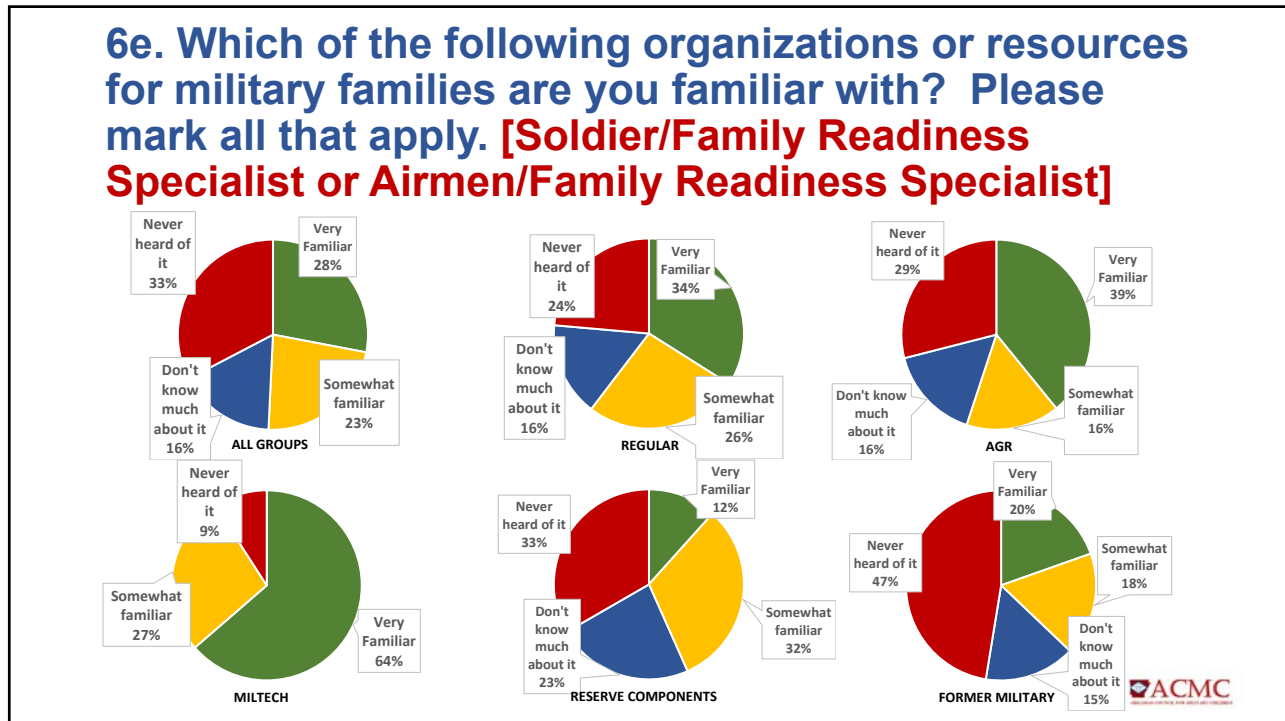
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**6d. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [School Liaison Program]**



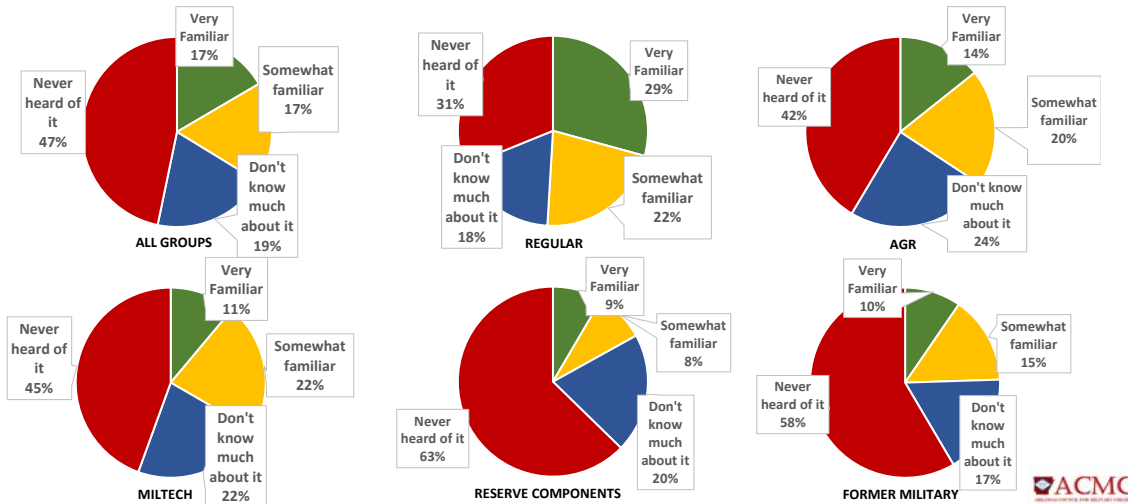
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**6e. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [Soldier/Family Readiness Specialist or Airmen/Family Readiness Specialist]**



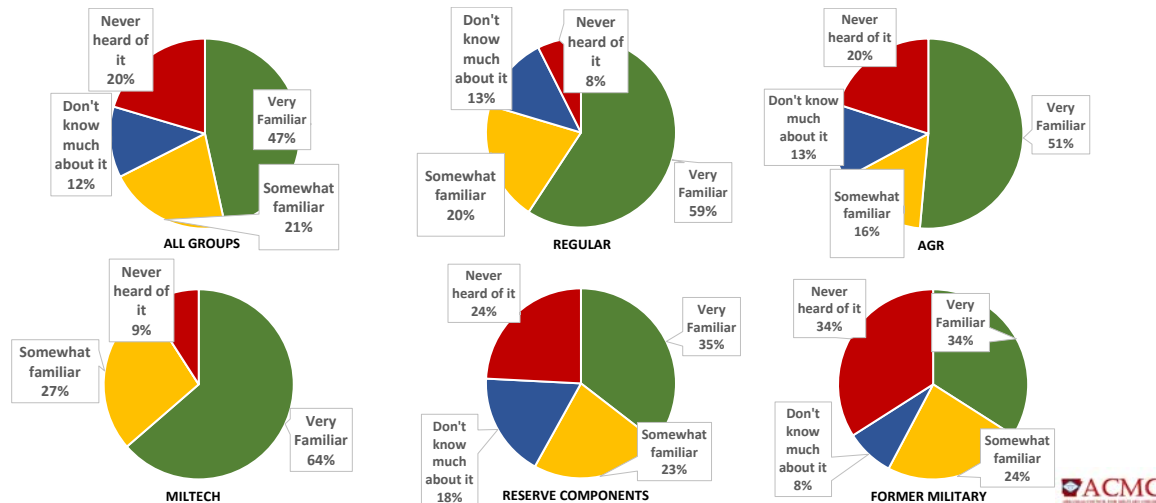
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**6f. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [Military Family Life Counselor]**



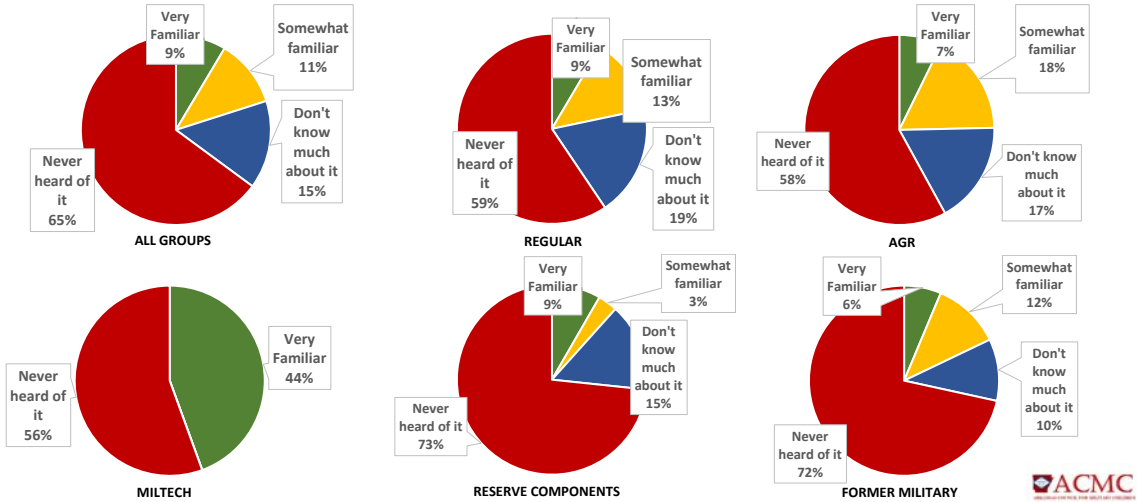
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**6g. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [Military OneSource]**



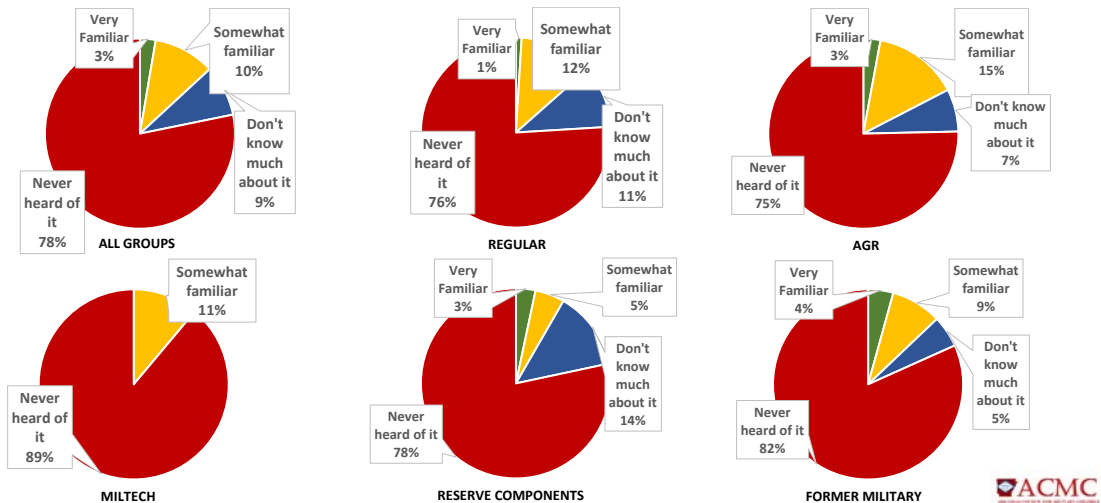
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**6h. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [Our Military Kids]**



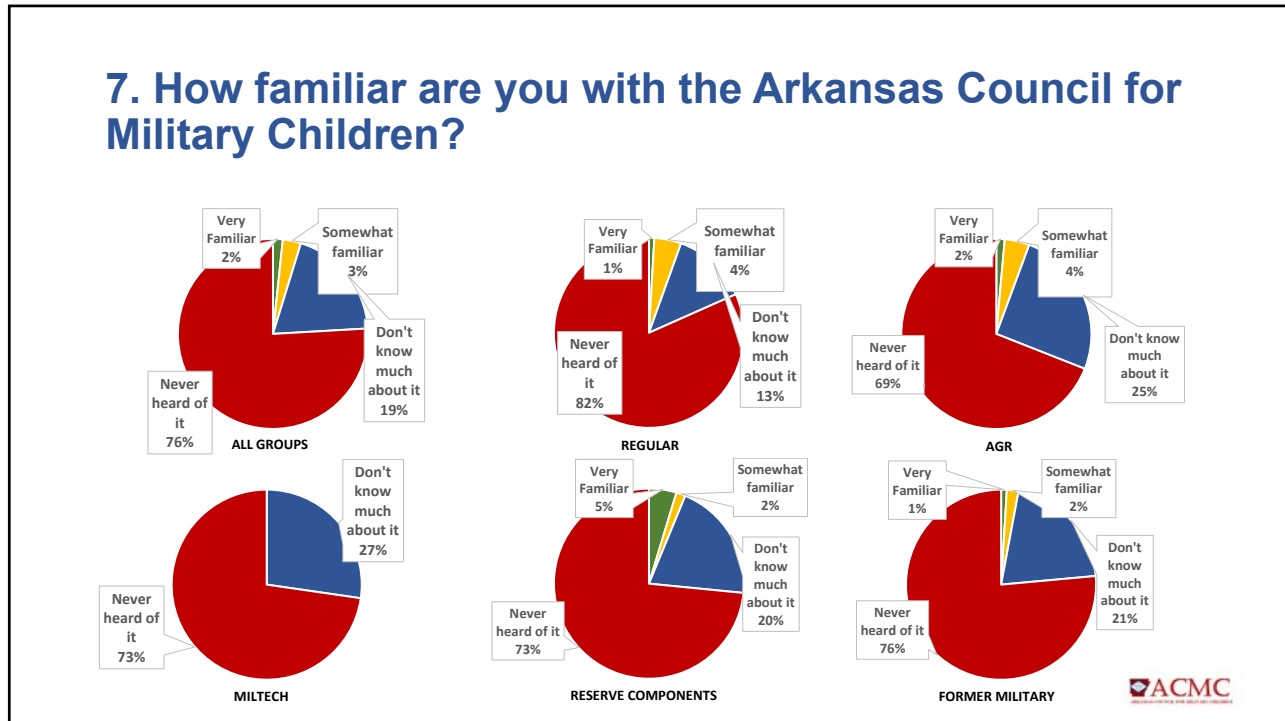
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**6i. Which of the following organizations or resources for military families are you familiar with? Please mark all that apply. [BLOOM]**



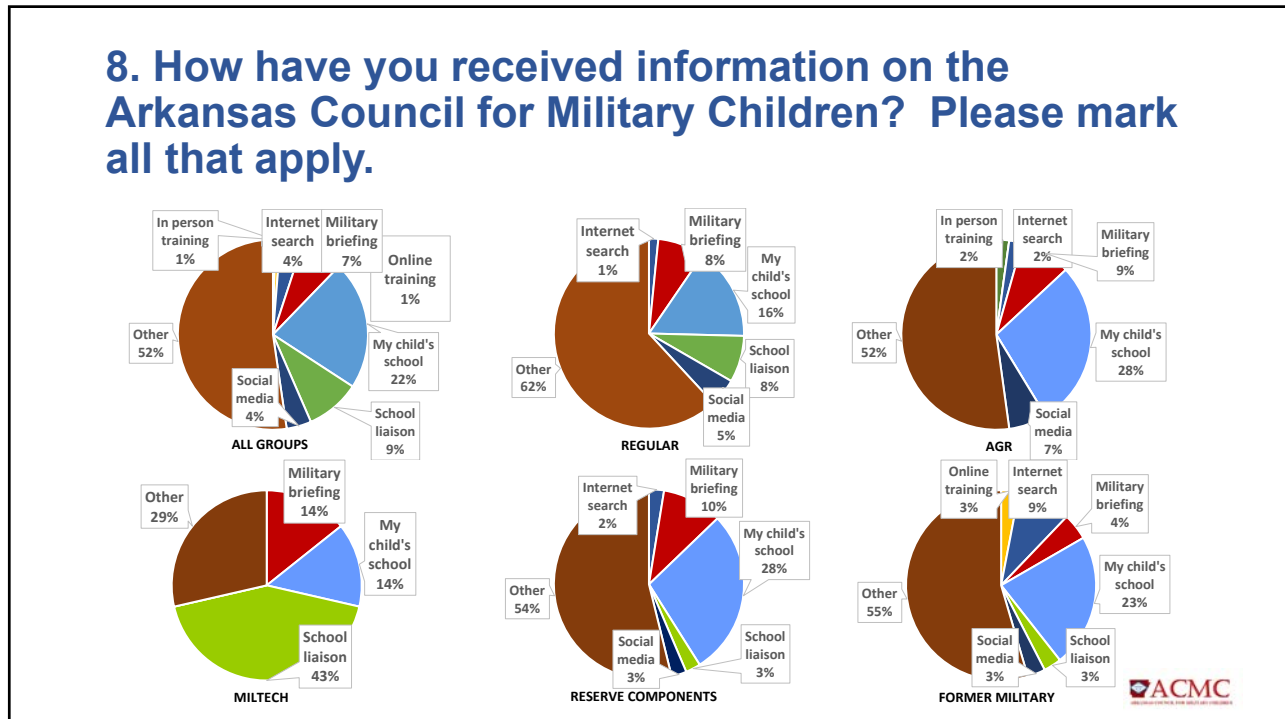
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## 7. How familiar are you with the Arkansas Council for Military Children?



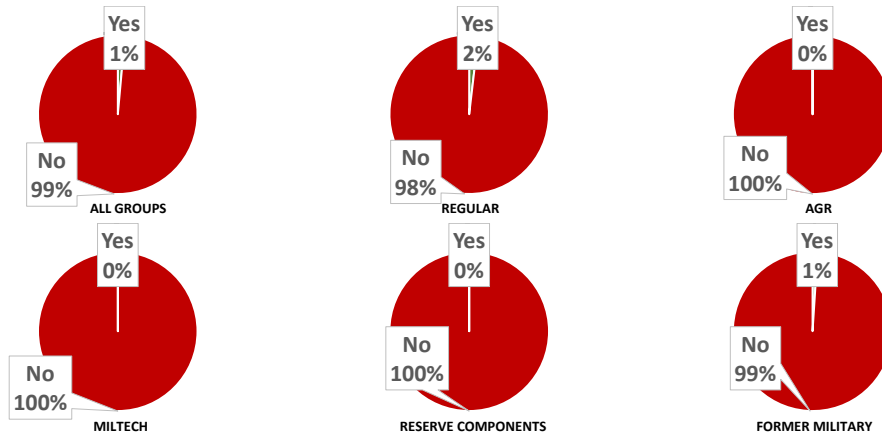
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## 8. How have you received information on the Arkansas Council for Military Children? Please mark all that apply.



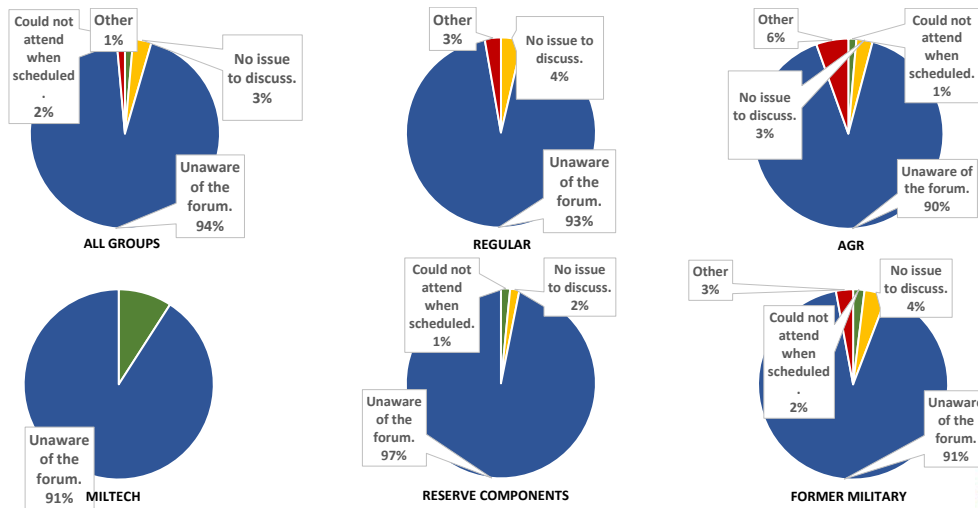
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### 9. Have you ever attended a military family forum conducted by the Arkansas Council for Military Children?



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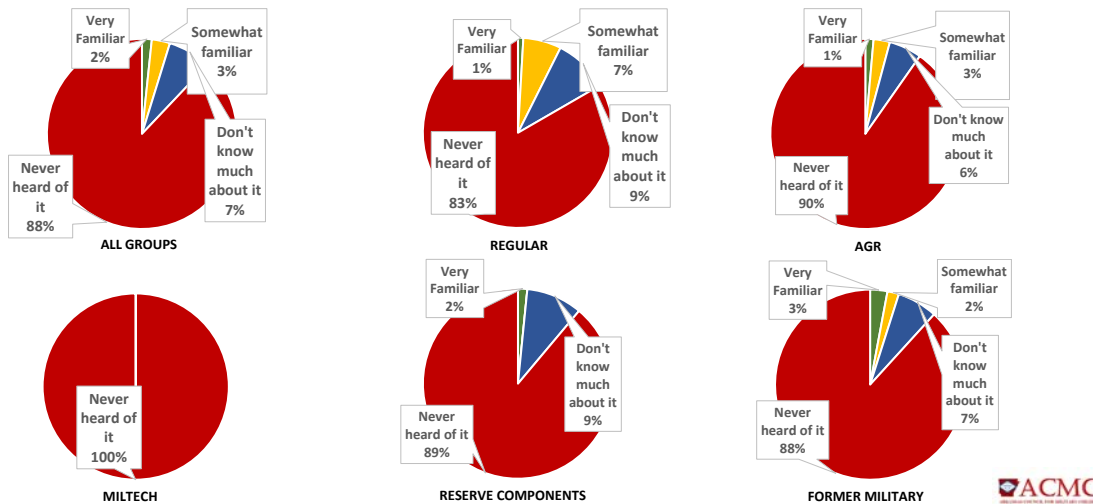
### 10. Please select the reason below that has kept you from attending a military family forum conducted by the Arkansas Council for Military Children.



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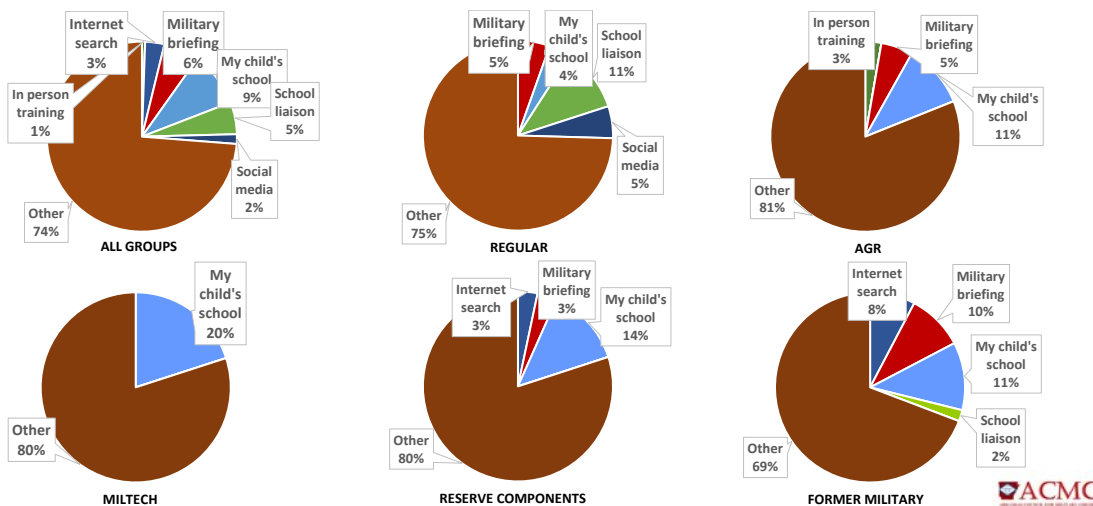


## 11. How familiar are you with the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission ?



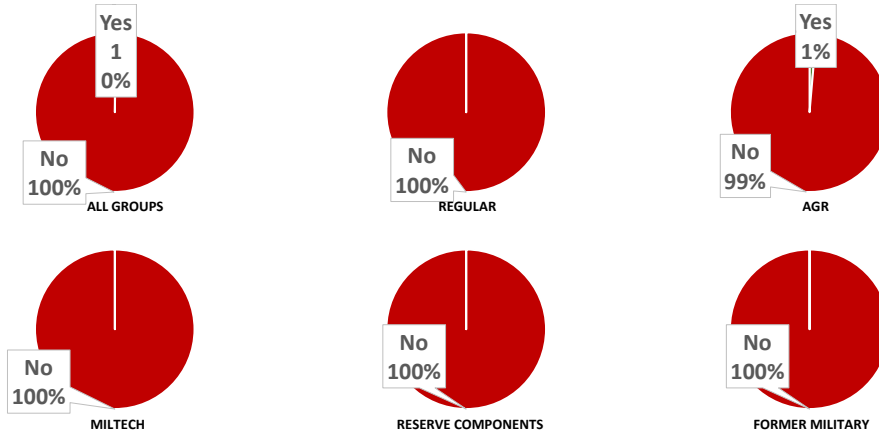
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## 12. How have you received information on the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission? Please mark all that apply.



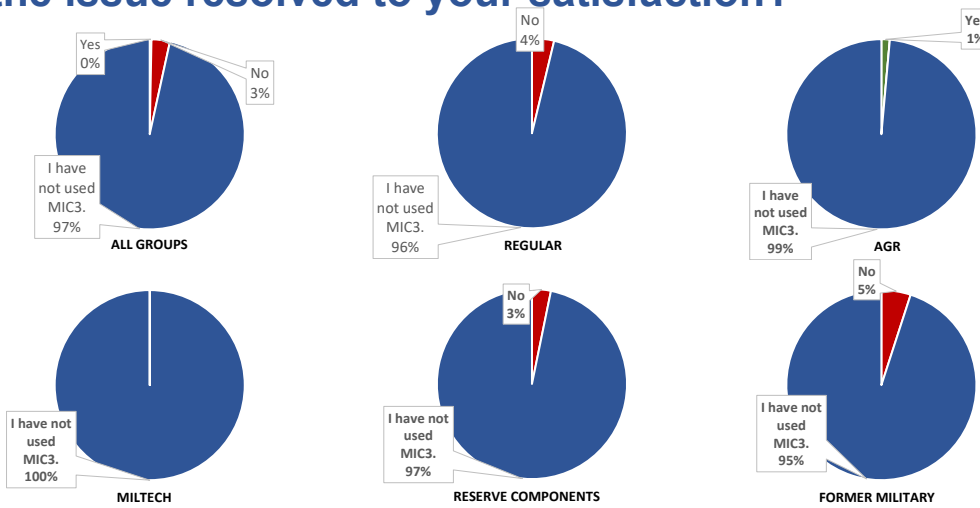
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### 13. Have you used the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission to address an education-related issue for your child since June 30, 2020?



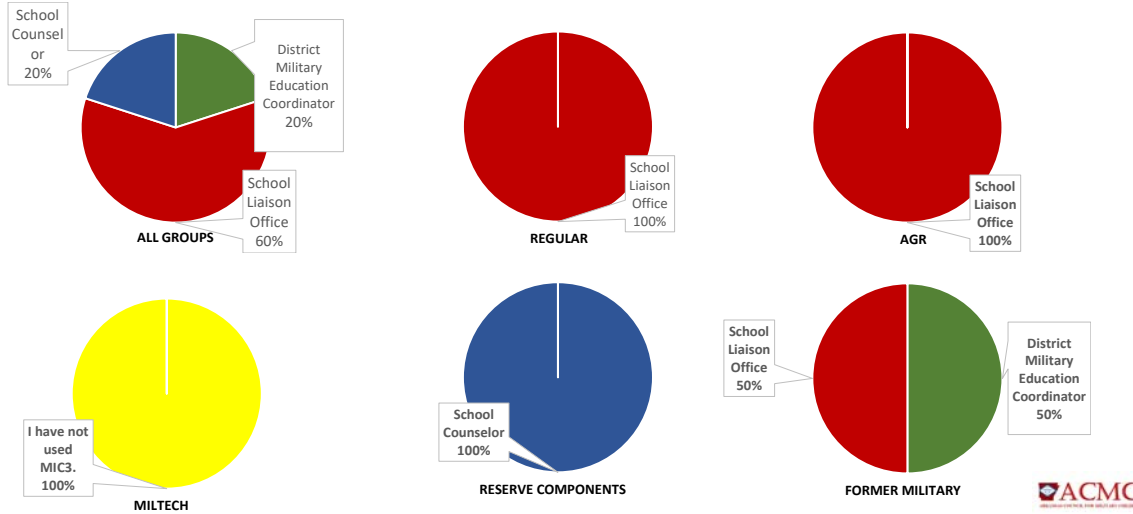
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### 14. If you have used the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission to address an education-related issue for your child since June 30, 2020, was the issue resolved to your satisfaction?



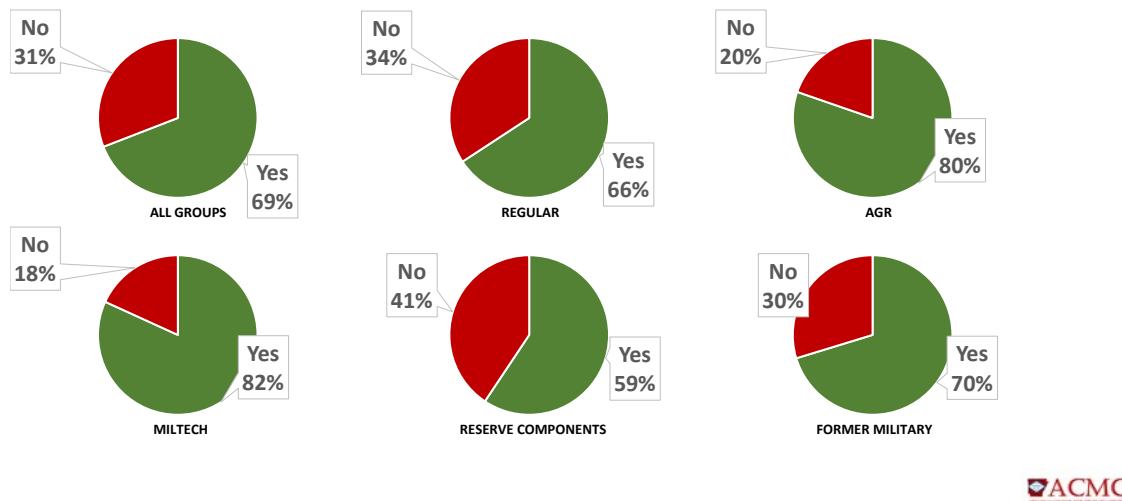
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**15. If you have used the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission to address an education-related issue for your child since June 30, 2020, whom did you contact for help with the issue? Please mark all that apply.**



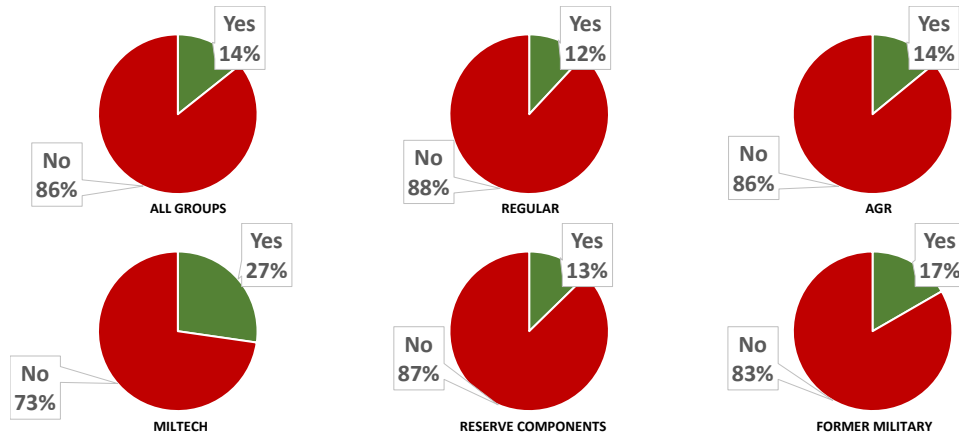
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**16. Before now, were you aware that Arkansas has a public school choice option?**



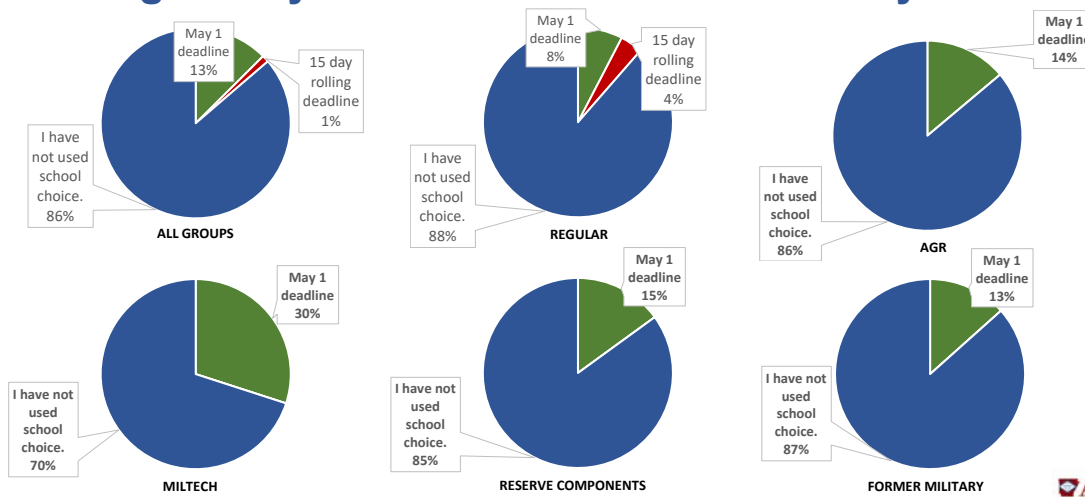
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## 17. Have you exercised your school choice option at any time since June 30, 2020?



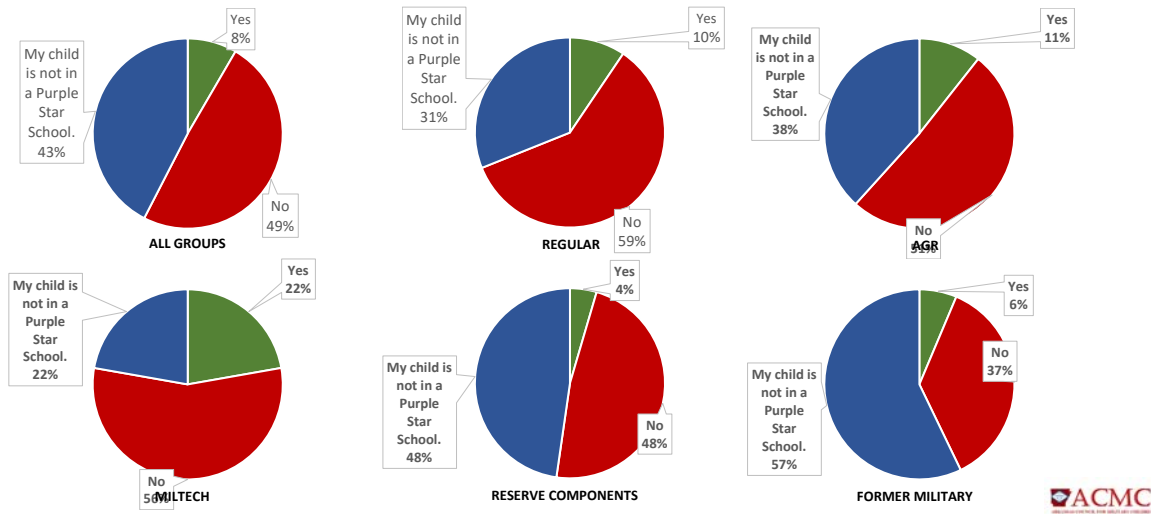
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## 18. If you have used your school choice option, did you submit your application by the statutory deadline of May 1, or did you submit your application by the rolling 15-day deadline available for military families?



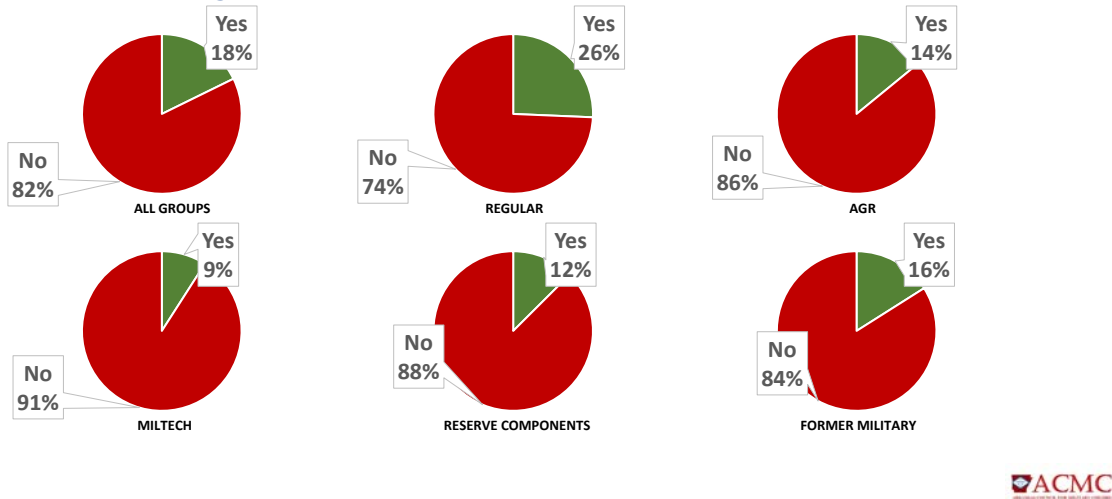
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## 19. If you used your school choice option, was the Purple Star School status a factor?



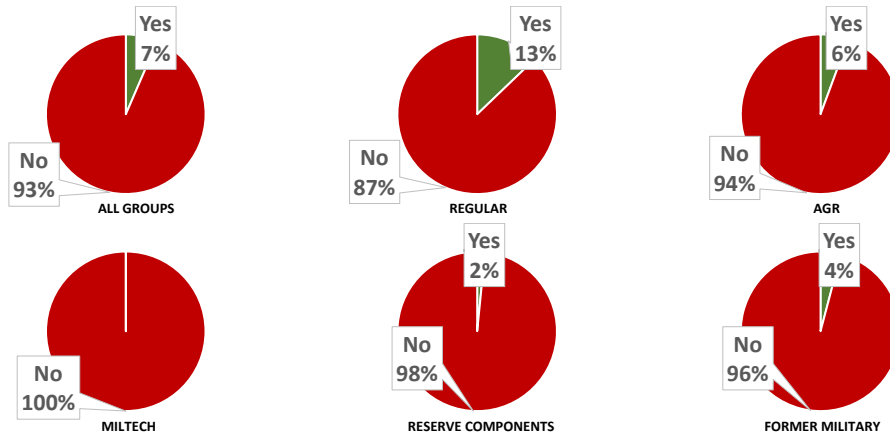
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## 20. Before now, were you aware that Arkansas allows children of military families transferring into Arkansas for military service to enroll in school prior to the family's actual arrival in Arkansas?



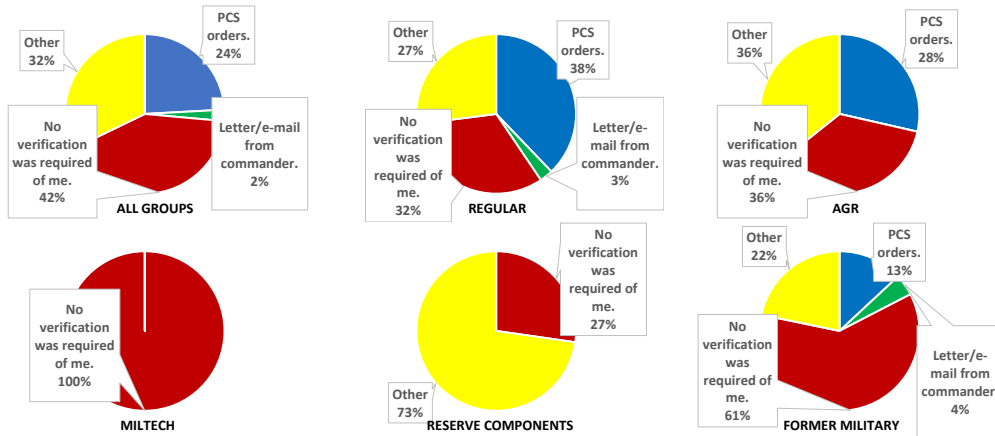
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## 21. Have you used the advance enrollment opportunity for children of in-bound military families?



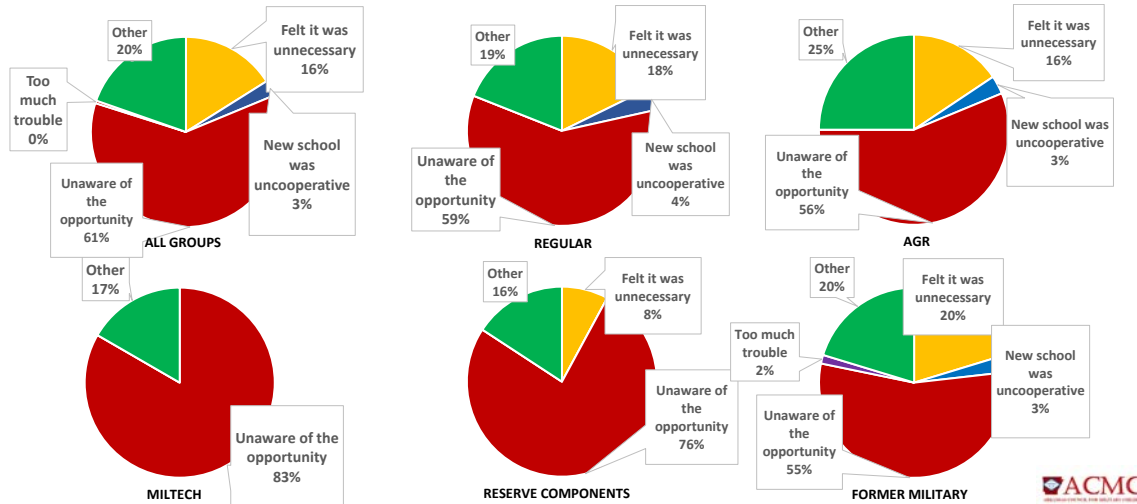
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## 22. If you have used the advance enrollment opportunity for children of military families, what verification of your move did you provide your new school district?



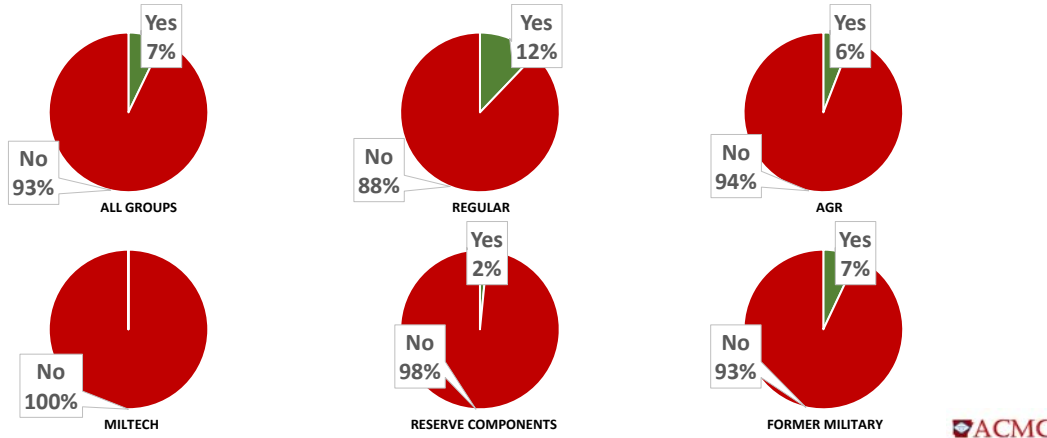
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### 23. If you have not used the opportunity to enroll your child prior to your family's actual arrival in Arkansas, please check all the reasons that apply.



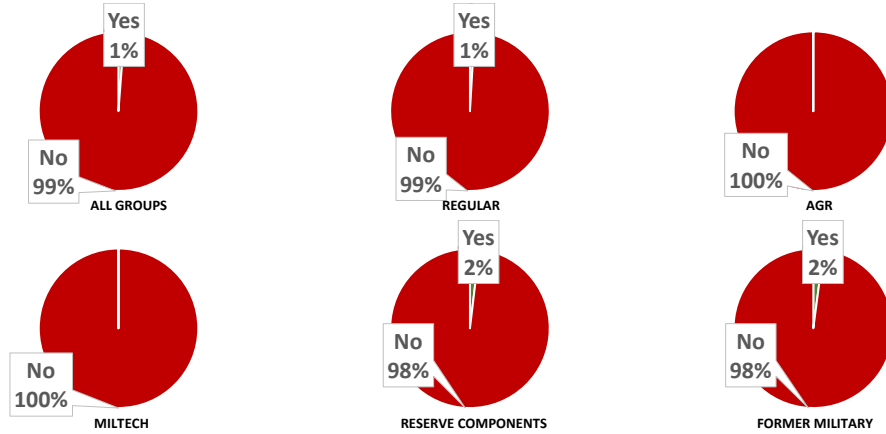
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### 24. Before now, were you aware that Arkansas allows children of military families transferring to Arkansas for military service to enroll in virtual distance-learning or digital coursework prior to the family's actual arrival in Arkansas?



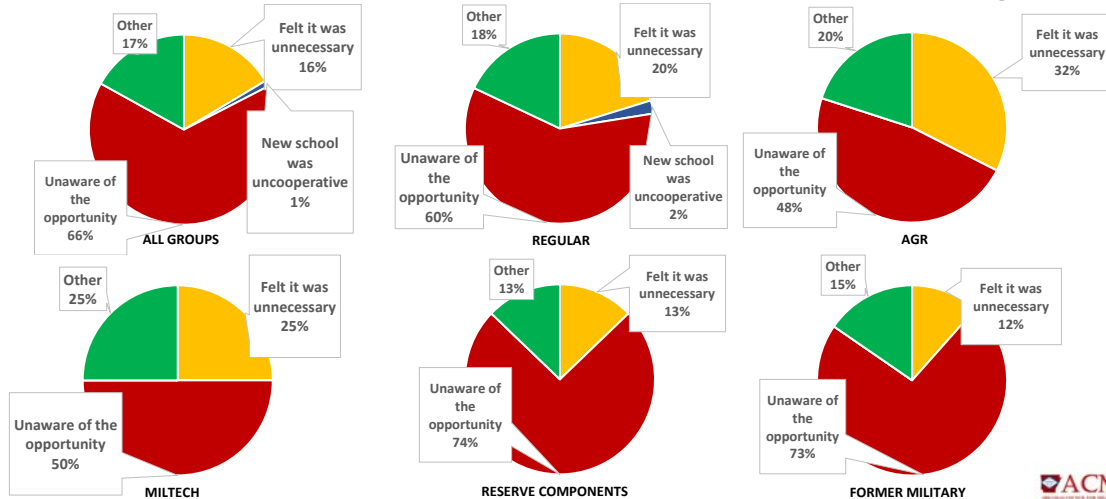
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## 25. Have you used your child's opportunity to enroll in virtual distance-learning or digital coursework prior to your family's actual arrival in Arkansas?



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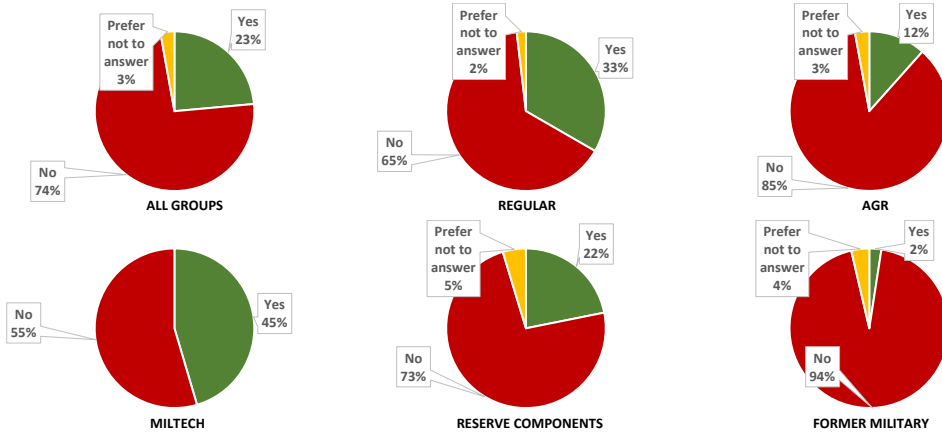
## 26. If you have not used your child's opportunity to enroll in virtual distance learning or digital coursework prior to your family's actual arrival in Arkansas, please check all the reasons that apply.



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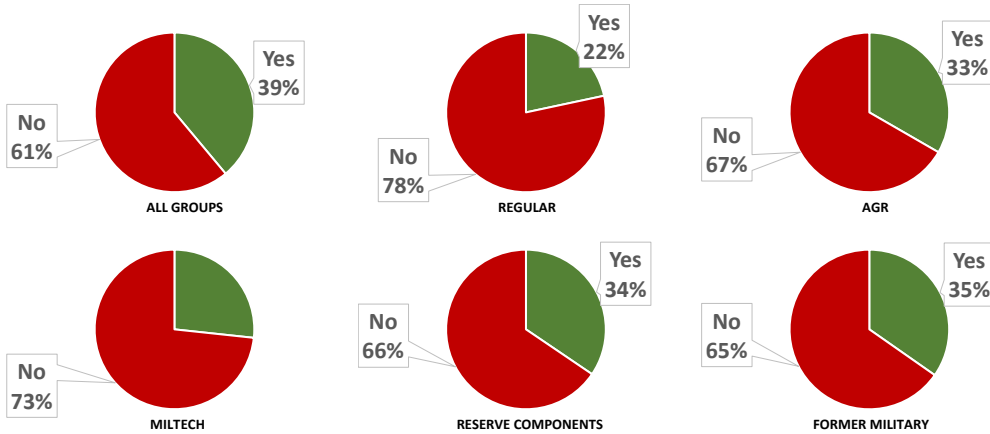


## 27. Is your child enrolled in the Exceptional Family Members Program (EFMP) or eligible for an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)?



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## 28. If your child is enrolled in the Exceptional Family Members Program or eligible for an Individualized Education Plan, were you able to access special education services upon enrollment in school in Arkansas?



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**Appendix C: Children of Military Families Transferring Into and Out of Arkansas Public Schools During AY 2022-2023, by School District (Data provided by ADE Data Center as of June 1, 2023)**

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b># OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES ENROLLED</b>	<b># OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES WHO TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE DISTRICT</b>	<b>% OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES WHO TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE DISTRICT</b>	<b># OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES WHO TRANSFERRED INTO THE DISTRICT</b>	<b>% OF CHILDREN OF MILITARY FAMILIES WHO TRANSFERRED INTO THE DISTRICT</b>
ACADEMICS PLUS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS	19	1	5%	0	0%
ALMA SCHOOL DISTRICT	137	2	1%	0	0%
ALPENA SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
ARK. SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND	2	0	0%	0	0%
ARK. SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF	1	0	0%	0	0%
ARKADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT	18	2	11%	0	0%
ARKANSAS ARTS ACADEMY	3	0	0%	0	0%
ARKANSAS CONNECTIONS ACADEMY	92	5	5%	2	2%
ARKANSAS LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMIES	82	17	21%	0	0%
ARKANSAS VIRTUAL ACADEMY	12	0	0%	0	0%
ASHDOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	10	4	40%	0	0%
ATKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
BALD KNOB SCHOOL DISTRICT	13	0	0%	0	0%
BATESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	33	1	3%	0	0%
BAUXITE SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	0	0%	0	0%
BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	1	100%	0	0%
BEEBE SCHOOL DISTRICT	146	6	4%	0	0%
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	318	6	2%	2	1%

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BENTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	466	5	1%	8	2%
BERGMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT	18	1	6%	0	0%
BERRYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
BISMARCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	11	0	0%	0	0%
BOONEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	22	0	0%	0	0%
BRINKLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
BRYANT SCHOOL DISTRICT	398	3	1%	1	0%
CABOT SCHOOL DISTRICT	2472	156	6%	10	0%
CADDO HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
CAMDEN FAIRVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
CARLISLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT	9	0	0%	0	0%
CEDARVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	17	0	0%	0	0%
CENTERPOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
CHARLESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	17	0	0%	0	0%
CLARKSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	15	0	0%	0	0%
CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
CLINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	0	0%	0	0%

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CONCORD SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
CONWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT	184	5	3%	0	0%
CORNING SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	1	25%	0	0%
COSSATOT RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
COTTER SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
COUNTY LINE SCHOOL DISTRICT	10	0	0%	0	0%
CROSSETT SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	0	0%	0	0%
CUTTER-MORNING STAR SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
DANVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
DARDANELLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	0	0%	0	0%
DEER/MT. JUDEA SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
DEQUEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	24	0	0%	1	4%
DERMOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
DES ARC SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
DEWITT SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
DIERKS SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	0	0%	0	0%
DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT	14	0	0%	0	0%
DREW CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	0	0%	0	0%

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EAST END SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
EAST POINSETT CO. SCHOOL DIST.	0	0	0%	0	0%
EL DORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT	24	8	33%	0	0%
ELKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
ENGLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
ESTEM PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL	148	6	4%	1	1%
EUREKA SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
FARMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	49	1	2%	0	0%
FAYETTEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	88	4	5%	0	0%
FLIPPIN SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
FORDYCE SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
FORREST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
FORT SMITH SCHOOL DISTRICT	235	21	9%	0	0%
FOUKE SCHOOL DISTRICT	10	0	0%	0	0%
FOUNTAIN LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT	20	0	0%	0	0%
GENOA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
GENTRY SCHOOL DISTRICT	15	2	13%	0	0%
GLEN ROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT	12	0	0%	0	0%

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GOSNELL SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
GREEN FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
GREENBRIER SCHOOL DISTRICT	164	5	3%	1	1%
GREENE COUNTY TECH SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
GREENLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT	11	0	0%	0	0%
GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT	494	7	1%	1	0%
GUY-PERKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
HAAS HALL ACADEMY	9	0	0%	0	0%
HACKETT SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	0	0%	0	0%
HAMBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
HARMONY GROVE SCH DIST(SALINE)	28	0	0%	0	0%
HARRISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
HARRISON SCHOOL DISTRICT	35	1	3%	0	0%
HAZEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	1	13%	0	0%
HEBER SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	22	0	0%	0	0%
HECTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
HELENA/ WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	2	25%	0	0%

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HIGHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	1	14%	0	0%
HILLCREST SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
HOPE ACADEMY OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS	1	0	0%	0	0%
HORATIO SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
HOT SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
HOXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
HUNTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	2	200%	0	0%
IZARD COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
JACKSON CO. SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
JACKSONVILLE NORTH PULASKI SCHOOL DISTRICT	632	48	8%	2	0%
JASPER SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	2	50%
JESSIEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	1	17%	0	0%
JONESBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT	12	0	0%	0	0%
JUNCTION CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
KIRBY SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	0	0%	0	0%
LAFAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
LAKE HAMILTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	42	4	10%	0	0%
LAKESIDE SCHOOL DIST(CHICOT)	3	0	0%	0	0%

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LAKESIDE SCHOOL DIST(GARLAND)	45	0	0%	0	0%
LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT	23	0	0%	0	0%
LAVACA SCHOOL DISTRICT	82	0	0%	1	1%
LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
LINCOLN SCHOOL DISTRICT	26	1	4%	2	8%
LISA ACADEMY	56	2	4%	0	0%
LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	552	8	1%	2	0%
LONOKE SCHOOL DISTRICT	37	0	0%	0	0%
MAGAZINE SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	2	50%	0	0%
MAGNET COVE SCHOOL DIST.	12	0	0%	0	0%
MAGNOLIA SCHOOL DISTRICT	30	3	10%	0	0%
MALVERN SCHOOL DISTRICT	13	0	0%	0	0%
MANILA SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
MANSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT	12	0	0%	0	0%
MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT	32	1	3%	0	0%
MARMADUKE SCHOOL DISTRICT	9	0	0%	0	0%
MAYFLOWER SCHOOL DISTRICT	19	0	0%	0	0%
MAYNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT	12	0	0%	1	8%



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MCCRORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
MCGEHEE SCHOOL DISTRICT	44	0	0%	2	5%
MELBOURNE SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
MENA SCHOOL DISTRICT	25	0	0%	0	0%
MIDLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
MONTICELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT	15	2	13%	0	0%
MOUNT IDA SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT	51	3	6%	0	0%
MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	0	0%	0	0%
MT. VERNON/ENOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
MULBERRY/PLEASANT VIEW BI-COUNTY SCHOOLS	3	0	0%	0	0%
NASHVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	1	100%	0	0%
NEMO VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	1	20%	0	0%
NETTLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	2	29%	0	0%
NEVADA SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
NORFORK SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	0	0%	0	0%
NORTH LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	149	6	4%	0	0%

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OMAHA SCHOOL DISTRICT	8	1	13%	0	0%
OUACHITA RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT	11	0	0%	0	0%
OZARK SCHOOL DISTRICT	24	2	8%	0	0%
PANGBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
PARAGOULD SCHOOL DISTRICT	29	1	3%	0	0%
PARIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	22	1	5%	0	0%
PARKERS CHAPEL SCHOOL DIST.	3	1	33%	0	0%
PEA RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT	18	1	6%	0	0%
PERRYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	16	3	19%	0	0%
PINE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
POCAHONTAS SCHOOL DISTRICT	17	1	6%	0	0%
POTTSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
POYEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
PRAIRIE GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT	43	4	9%	0	0%
PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	244	16	7%	0	0%
QUITMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT	28	0	0%	3	11%
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%

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ROGERS SCHOOL DISTRICT	100	4	4%	0	0%
ROSE BUD SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
RUSSELLVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	56	2	4%	0	0%
SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
SCRANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	2	0	0%	0	0%
SEARCY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
SEARCY SCHOOL DISTRICT	91	2	2%	0	0%
SHERIDAN SCHOOL DISTRICT	98	0	0%	0	0%
SILOAM SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	42	3	7%	0	0%
SLOAN-HENDRIX SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	0	0%	0	0%
SMACKOVER-NORPHLET SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
SOUTH CONWAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	30	1	3%	0	0%
SOUTH PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT	4	0	0%	0	0%
SOUTH SIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT(VANBUREN)	3	0	0%	0	0%
SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT (INDEPENDENCE)	21	0	0%	0	0%
SPRING HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
SPRINGDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT	142	8	6%	1	1%
STAR CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	12	0	0%	0	0%

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STUTTGART SCHOOL DISTRICT	14	0	0%	1	7%
TRUMANN SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
TWO RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
VALLEY SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	33	8	24%	0	0%
VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT	117	9	8%	0	0%
VILONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT	55	0	0%	0	0%
WALDRON SCHOOL DISTRICT	3	0	0%	0	0%
WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%
WATSON CHAPEL SCHOOL DISTRICT	7	0	0%	0	0%
WEST FORK SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
WEST MEMPHIS SCHOOL DISTRICT	9	2	22%	0	0%
WEST SIDE SCHOOL DIST(CLEBURNE)	9	3	33%	0	0%
WESTSIDE CONS. SCH DIST(CRAIGH)	11	0	0%	0	0%
WESTSIDE SCHOOL DIST(JOHNSON)	5	0	0%	0	0%
WHITE CO. CENTRAL SCHOOL DIST.	2	1	50%	0	0%
WHITE HALL SCHOOL DISTRICT	6	0	0%	0	0%
WONDERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT	1	0	0%	0	0%

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WOODLAWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	5	0	0%	0	0%
WYNNE SCHOOL DISTRICT	14	0	0%	0	0%
YELLVILLE-SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT.	0	0	0%	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9581</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0%</b>

**Appendix D: AY 2022-2023 Training Activities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject/Content</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
September 14, 2022	Air Force School Liaison Program Manager Training	San Antonio, Texas	J. Kaminar, T. Williams, J. Saum
September 27, 2022	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
October 13, 2022	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
November 1, 2022	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
November 10, 2022	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Maumelle, Arkansas	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
January 19, 2023	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
February 14, 2023	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
March 8, 2023	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams
April 13, 2023	District Military Education Coordinator / School Military Liaison Training	Web-Based	J. Kaminar, T. Williams

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
July 14, 2022	Council	Web-Based
September 8, 2022	Council	Fort Smith School District
September 23, 2021	Council (Military Family Forum)	Web-Based
November 10, 2022	Council	Cabot Public Schools
January 12, 2023	Council	Camp Pike Armed Forces Reserve Complex
March 9, 2023	Council	Pea Ridge School District
May 11, 2023	Council	eSTEM Charter Schools Central Office

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Location</b>
July 20, 2022	Military Family Forum Committee	Web-Based
August 31, 2022	Outreach Committee	Web-Based
September 9, 2022	Military Family Forum Committee	Web-Based
October 3, 2022	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
October 24, 2022	Strategic Planning Committee	Web-Based
October 28, 2022	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
January 10, 2023	Awards Committee	Web-Based
January 13, 2023	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
January 17, 2023	Outreach Committee	Web-Based
January 31, 2023	Strategic Planning Committee	Web-Based
February 8, 2023	Strategic Planning Committee Work Session	Web-Based
February 10, 2023	Awards Committee Work Session	Little Rock Air Force Base
April 5, 2023	Strategic Planning Committee Work Session	Web-Based
April 25, 2023	Awards Committee	Web-Based
Mat 24, 2023	Military Family Forum Committee	Web-Based
June 26, 2023	Awards Committee	Arkansas Activities Association

## **Appendix G: Arkansas Council for Military Children “Best Practices”**

The document on the next two pages was developed by representatives of the “Five and Thrive” initiative, a program implemented by the Air Force to improve the quality of life for its families. This document was used by Ms. Sherene Brown as her talking points on best practices for state council of the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission during her keynote address at the Commission’s Annual Business Meeting in October 2022.



# Partnerships in Education = Thriving Military-Connected Children

PRESENTED BY THE ARKANSAS COUNCIL FOR MILITARY CHILDREN (THE STATE COUNCIL FOR MIC3)

## KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP & BEST PRACTICES

### KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP

- Make sure the School Liaison (SL) is embedded in the state MIC3 Council. Give the SL a seat on the council if possible; if not, appoint the SL as an advisor to the council and make sure the SL can speak at all council meetings.
- Facilitate a relationship between the SL and the state department of education. Make sure the SL knows what is happening in the education community in the state, and make sure the state department and board of education know what's happening in the military community.
- Create conditions for the SL to stay engaged in what is happening in the military community statewide – all branches and services, all installations and outliers (ROTC detachments, recruiting offices). Ensure the SL has constant communication with installation Military & Family Readiness staff.
- Ensure there is a point of contact for military issues in schools with a significant enrollment of children of military families. In Arkansas, state law requires that school districts with at least 20 children of military families must appoint a staff member to serve as District Military Education Coordinator (DMEC) and requires the state department of education to provide training and resources for them. The SL has access to the entire network of DMECs and therefore has a “go-to” staff member in each of those districts.
- Do not settle for “keeping lines of communication open”. That’s passive. Instead, ensure that communication is happening regularly. That’s active!

### BEST PRACTICES

- Hold frequent state council meetings. Once a year is fine for reporting, but not sufficient to accomplish goals. AR currently holds bi-monthly in person or virtually for those that cannot attend in person to encourage participation.
- Organize the state council to oversee particular efforts. Involve the SL in any of these that support the SL’s mission or in which the SL can help.
- Designate a military family engagement advisor at the state department of education. Ensure that staff member works closely with the SL.
- Hold regular training sessions for District Military Education Coordinators (DMECs). Involve the SL whenever possible. Training can be held in different school districts, at a central or regional location, or online.
- Look for every opportunity to educate stakeholders – use school board meetings, family nights, Key Spouse meetings, Purple Star School training, etc.
- Hold a military family forum so that military families can share concerns to your state MIC3 council. Make sure the SL participates and can engage with the families.

### COLLECTIVE STRATEGY TO HELP MILITARY FAMILIES

- Collect information on the needs of the military community. Review reports from organizations like the Military Child Education Coalition, National Military Family Association, Military Family Advisory Network, and BLOOM. Gather anecdotal information from families and from school officials.
- Develop goals that are designed to meet any needs that the SL and others in the network (state council, department of education staff, family readiness staff, DMECs) can accomplish. Set milestone dates and completion target dates. Define what success looks like.

# SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM MANAGER PERSPECTIVE

## KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP

- Host educator events at installation for various positions (Superintendents, Admin, Counselors, Teachers) across local school districts to include base agencies showing joint team of family support services as a collaborative effort. LRAFB hosted 3 this year!!
- Partner and collaborate with other base agencies hosting events in the community to support local education efforts such as Red Ribbon Week, literacy events, Into the Darkness Walks, Purple Up events, etc. Other base agencies support local schools too!
- Involve Installation Leadership with scholar events such as Keynote for SHE Can STEM events, Veteran's Day school events, BX celebrations and scholar achievements. Col Ochoa flew a C130 to pin 30 cadets for the Smithsonian Aviation SHE Can AR STEM Camp and was Keynote speaker!!
- Include base agency activities into SL give aways to encourage partnership and family engagement at installation, use SL marketing materials at installation agencies! Utilize Facetime Live while there! During Purple Up month hold contest all over base for prizes at ODR, bowling, library and so forth! Do the same outside the gate!

## BEST PRACTICES

- SL sits in Welcome Center to ensure a smooth transition for all inbound families; full immersion to First Sargent and above to include all Commanders and Command Staff, knowledge of program is KEY! They remember you when assistance is needed!
- Display outside of office for easy access of key materials for parents to have access to when not in office is a must! Posters and brochures of districts, MIC3 materials and resource materials for EFMP, MFLC, deployment, etc. Access to materials highlights programs and conversation starters!
- Briefing to the quarterly Key Spouse meeting, spouse's day and spouse immersions hits all key aspects of program to the key members that spread the word! Spouses are your word of mouth!
- Utilize Lifestyle Fair opportunities to spread the word to new Airmen and families, ALS graduates and BX customers. You are the life of the Air force...
- Working partnerships with all aspects of installation units regardless of MIC3 status. Our schools honor our Foreign Nationals "in the spirit of MIC3" even though they do not qualify for services due to our partnerships. This is how you can tell you are making the difference!

## COLLECTIVE STRATEGY TO HELP MILITARY FAMILIES

- Assist State Council with additional sub committees with awards, training and outreach to community members, scholars and families. First state to create Outstanding DMEC Award, and Outstanding Military Scholar Award!! The military scholar award will kick off April of 2023!
- Work with EFMP, Teacher of the Year and local districts to create Spec Education enrollment opportunities for first time scholars. Open Q&A session style! You don't know what you don't know until you know!
- State Council Family Forum virtual events during evenings, lunch and learns and during events for families to learn of MIC3 program and state statue. Survey forms passed out throughout the year during parent car lines, at sporting events and to varied schools to collect data. Go where the parents are, do not expect them to come to you at events!
- Use marketing materials for particular trends, not just random swag. Make the point count! Families will not throw it away that way, your impact will STICK!
- Master Resiliency Trainer for BOUNCE program assisting families with Resiliency programs for scholars enhancing mental health strategies during stressful situations such as transitions and deployments.

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## **Appendix H: MIC3 Legislative Toolkit**

In 2018 the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission undertook an initiative to determine the best course of action to extend the protections of the Compact to the children of Reserve Component service members. In October 2022 at its Annual Business Meeting the Commission voted to recommend that states undertake legislative action outside of the Compact to include Reserve Component families. The Commission offered Arkansas’ legislative action in 2021 as an example for other states to follow. That recommendation is indicated in the memorandum next under.

## National Guard and Reserve (NGR) Legislative Toolkit

### Purpose:

At the 2022 Annual Business Meeting (ABM), the Commission voted in favor of providing resources and guidance to member states who wish to enact new legislation outside the Compact to provide identical benefits to a wider population of NGR members.

Pursuant to this direction, the Commission developed this toolkit. While this guidance is specific to the NGR population, it may be modified and applied to other highly mobile populations within member states.

### Contents:

- Compact Background Related to the National Guard and Reserve (NGR)
- Assistance from the National Office and General Counsel
- General Counsel Guidance
- Adopted External Legislation

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### Compact Background Related to the National Guard and Reserve (NGR)

The *Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children* (the Compact), whose administrative body is known as the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3), is an interstate compact that supports successful educational transitions for military-connected students. It was drafted in 2006 by the Council of State Governments’ National Center for Interstate Compacts in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Defense, national associations, federal and state officials, State Departments of Education, and school administrators. Interstate compacts are contractual agreements between states, written into statute, that allow state governments to work collaboratively when addressing issues or concerns across boundaries. The Compact provides for the uniform treatment of military children transferring between public and Department of Defense Education Activity school districts and states and addresses key educational transitions issues such as: eligibility for academic programs, course enrollment, academic placement, and graduation.

While compacts are effective mechanisms for solving interstate problems without resorting to federal legislation, they are limited by the scope of their statutes. The current language of the Compact applies to the children of National Guard and Reserve (NGR) Service Members serving under Title 10 status, also referred to as active-duty orders. In 2019, MIC3’s Executive Committee established the National Guard and Reserve Task Force (NGRTF), to examine whether the scope of the Compact should be expanded to include additional NGR members.

The NGRTF presented its final report to the Commission on October 2, 2020, during the 2020 Annual Business Meeting (ABM). In summary, the NGRTF recommended supporting expansion of the Compact to cover all members of the Selected Reserve but did not recommend how this could be accomplished. During the 2021 ABM, the issue was tabled until the 2022 ABM for Commissioners to consult with their respective State Councils.

General Counsel previously endorsed the adoption of stand-alone statutes in a legal memorandum on February 16, 2022, [Application of MIC3 to National Guard & Reserve Members](#), stating, “Based on current information, new state legislation enacted outside the Compact in interested member states providing identical benefits to NGR members is likely to be the most efficient way forward as this solution is scalable, legally sound, and would have a uniform impact.”

### **Assistance from the National Office and General Counsel**

The National Office stands ready to assist member states interested in developing stand-alone statutes in their state to provide Compact-like benefits to NGR families or other highly mobile populations. It is highly recommended that states submit their draft language to the National Office for review by General Counsel to ensure the new statutory language does not conflict with their current Interstate Compact statute.

To request assistance or a review, please contact:

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### **General Counsel Guidance**

In collaboration with the Executive Committee and National Office, General Counsel has provided the following list of “Do’s and Don’ts” that should be followed when developing external legislative language.

#### **Do:**

- Identify specific populations to be covered by the new stand-alone statute.
- Identify specific benefits to be provided to this population.
- Identify education and enforcement systems to support the provision of these new benefits; identify funding sources where additional funding will be needed.
- Review draft legislation with attorneys on your MIC3 State Council and/or legal counsel for your state’s legislative branch prior to submission to the National Office.
- After an internal state-level review, submit the proposed bill language to the National Office for vetting by General Counsel to ensure it does not conflict with the Interstate Compact statute.
- After approval by General Counsel, work with the legislative member(s) of your MIC3 State Council to identify the appropriate process for submitting bill proposals within your state legislature.
- Submit the approved bill to your state legislature and track the proposed bill as it moves through the legislative process in your state.

**Don't:**

- **Do not** draft language which would impose requirements on other states or federal agencies.
- **Do not** amend or open the current Compact statute in your state.
- **Do not** attempt to supersede or override the Compact statute; avoid language such as “notwithstanding any other statutes to the contrary”, or similar provisions.
- **Do not** alter statutory language after approval by General Counsel.

**Adopted External Legislation****Arkansas (Adopted)**

On April 2, 2019, Arkansas ***Senate Bill 638, “Concerning the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Children of Military Families; And to Amend Aspects of the Arkansas Code with Respect to Children of Military Families Who Are Enrolled in A Public School”***, passed Arkansas’ General Assembly and was signed into law by Governor Asa Hutchinson on April 17, 2019. Referred to as Act 939, it provides Compact-like benefits to children of National Guard members, provides for advanced enrollment of students, and expands the pre-deployment activities window. Act 939 also requires school districts with at least 20 military-connected student or 3,000 students overall to appoint a Military Education Coordinator to support military-connected students in transition.

Arkansas Code was amended by adding § 6-18-107. A complete text of Act 939 can be found at <http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2019/2019R/Acts/Act939.pdf>

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

## *2022-2023 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

**Ben Zumbahlen, State Relations Associate** – Education Commission of the States

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

**Mark Honnen, Deputy Chief of Staff** – Governor’s Office

**Colonel Sean Brown, Garrison Commander** – Fort Carson

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

- State Council Meeting held on October 5, 2022.
- Attended the Annual Business Meeting.
- Successfully supported 4 military student situations.
- Continued to meet with Colorado Governor Jared Polis’s staff to discuss Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission.
- Met with school liaison officers across military installations in Colorado to identify gaps and needs.
- Drafting a document for potential future legislation on a state Purple Star School recognition.

## 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

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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 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 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 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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# Delaware 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: Mike  
Last Name: Rodriguez

I am the Compact  
Commissioner  
for: Delaware

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

Michael Rodriguez, Dept. of Education Donna Polk, DIAA  
Dr. Mark Holodick, Secretary of Education Sen. Laura Sturgeon, DE  
Senate  
Doug Crouse, UD Cooperative Christine Alois, CR SD  
Jennifer Davis, Dept. of Education  
Patrick Devlin, DE National Guard  
Purnima Montagne, DE PTA  
Christine Kubik, DE National Guard  
Col. Jason Holcomb, DAFB  
Laurie Sisk, DAFB School Liaison  
Douglas Hudson, Military Officers Assoc.  
Nnamdi Chukwuocha, DE House

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

Michael Rodriguez, Associate Secretary of Student Support, Delaware  
Department of Education  
Jennifer Davis, Education Associate, Delaware Department of Education

Accomplishments: Members of the State Council participated in the review of Purple Star  
Recognition applications resulting in Providence Creek Academy being  
named as Delaware's 2nd Purple Star Recognition School.

The State Council supported Month of the Military Child activities on  
April 25, 2023 through attendance at the Governor's Proclamation  
Ceremony. Delaware's two Purple Star schools also attended and visited  
both the Senate and House of Representatives along with leadership from  
Dover Air Force Base and the Delaware National Guard.

Activities: The State Council held it's annual meeting on March 9, 2023. Minutes  
from that meeting are posted on the Delaware State Public Meeting  
Calendar as well as the MIC3 website.

State Council members were invited to attend events held by Governor  
Carney and the State General Assembly on April 25, 2023 at Legislative  
Hall. Delaware Purple Star Schools, military connected students and  
families also attended and participated.

Presentations: State MIC3 Commissioner Rodriguez attended Providence Creek Academy's (PCA) school celebration where the Purple Star banner was presented to the school. Military students and families were showcased at the event. PCA became Delaware's 2nd Purple Star Recognition School.

# District of Columbia 2023 End-of-Year Report

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:

Clara Haskell Botstein, Director of Legislation and Governmental Affairs, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education  
Dr. Christina Grant, Superintendent  
LeKisha Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor, Council of the District of Columbia  
Donielle Powe, Interim Deputy Chief of Intergovernmental Affairs, District of Columbia Public Schools  
Dannelle Gibbs, Student Support Services Coordinator, LEARN DC Public Charter School on JBAB  
Alonso Hay, School Liaison Officer, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling & Pentagon, United States Air Force  
Horace Franklin, Region School Liaison, Joint Base Anacostia-Boiling (JBAB)  
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Accomplishments: From the Commissioner:  
Appointed a parent representative to the State Council  
Maintained a fully staffed State Council roster  
Held our State Council annual meeting on June 12, 2023  
No unresolved cases, thanks to the great work of our  
School Liaison

From the School Liaison:  
Launched a School Liaison Mentorship Program in Hart  
Middle School (Ward 8). The military service members  
arrive to the schools every two weeks to support,  
encourage, and engaged with the middle school students  
Maintained strong relationships with the DC placement  
office

Activities: From the Commissioner:  
Held our State Council annual meeting on June 12, 2023  
From the School Liaison:  
Launched a School Liaison Mentorship Program in Hart  
Middle School (Ward 8). The military service members  
arrive to the schools every two weeks to support,  
encourage, and engaged with the middle school students

Presentations: N/A

# Florida 2023 End-of-Year Report

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:

State Council Members  
Commissioner Bob Buehn, Adjunct Professor, US Naval War  
College  
RDML Wesley R. McCall , Commander, Navy Region Southeast  
(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  
Dr. 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 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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Teri Wanamaker, School Liaison, Jacksonville Naval Air Station  
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.

## 2022-2023 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

Rachel LaVoie, Military Student and Family Specialist, Georgia Department of Education

Melissa Stover, 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

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

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Secondary contact Col. Patricia Ross, Commissioner - GA Department of Veteran's Service; 2 MLK Jr. Dr SE, Suite E-970, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-4800; Office:(404) 656-2312

### Activities:

The Georgia State Council met June 21, 2023. Discussion included:

Welcome and opening remarks from Commissioner Will Hardin

### 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

Crystal Mahany – Legal Analyst – Policy Researcher, Partners in Promise

Respectfully Submitted By,

Dr. William C. Hardin, Commissioner



# Illinois 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: John  
Last Name: Price

I am the Compact Commissioner for: Illinois

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following: We do not have an active council at this time. The state is yet to appoint as new commissioner formally, and until such time we are not able to call a council meeting.

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are: John Price - 224-808-0747 -  
David Lehfeld - School Liaison Officer - 847-489-4231

Accomplishments: Advocated for full payment of state bill.  
Advocated for adoption of Purple Star program in the state.

Activities: State Council has not met due to the transition in the office since the summer of 2022.  
I provided a brief training to superintendents in Lake County on the Compact. I provided training to our own district staff on the requirements of the compact.  
Met with State Superintendent to outline needs for military-connected children.

Presentations: None.

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## Background

Iowa is the temporary home to approximately 1,333 active duty military service members and 2,017 active duty military dependents residing in the state. Iowa is also the long-term home for 15,887-plus military Guard and Reserve personnel and their families. Iowa also has over 9,943 military dependent school-aged children who are family members of those serving in the Iowa National Guard, the U.S. Army Reserves, the Iowa Air National Guard, the Marines, the Marine Reserves, the Navy, the Navy Reserves and the U.S. Army. Iowa has military installations located in Des Moines (Fort Des Moines) and Johnston (Camp Dodge). There are many Guard, Reserves and Armed Forces Reserve Centers across the state.



The Iowa Compact Commission for Educational Opportunity for Military Dependents (known in short form as the Iowa Compact) is designed to assist military families with their transition to Iowa and to the public school system. The Iowa Compact addresses key educational transition issues encountered by military families, including enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation. Children of active duty members of the uniformed services,

National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders and members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year, are eligible for assistance under the Iowa Compact. The Iowa Compact uses a comprehensive approach to provide a consistent policy in every school district that military dependents choose to enter. The Iowa Compact has no funds to support an annual meeting, pay dues, etc. Finally, it should be noted that the Iowa Compact applies only to interstate transfers, not in-state transfers.

## Statutory Requirements



Iowa was the 14th state to sign on to the Interstate Compact in 2009. Since then, all 50 states and territories have signed on to the Interstate Compact. Each state pays dues as a member of the Interstate Compact. The dues are used to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the interstate compact and its staff.

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 256H, the Iowa Compact is a Governor-appointed council that has been established for the purpose of removing barriers to educational success imposed on the children of military families because of frequent deployment of their parents (Iowa Code section 256H.1.1). The seven-member commission consists of a school superintendent or designee; the Iowa Department of Education Director or designee; two gubernatorial appointments, one who is appointed as the Iowa Compact chairperson, and another is the military families' education liaison, and a joint appointment made by the Iowa Legislature (Iowa Code section 256H.2.2).



## The Iowa Interstate Compact Commission

The following have been appointed as members of the Iowa Compact:

Governor Appointed	Department Appointed
Laura Kacer Compact Commissioner	Dennis Harden, Ed.D, CTE Bureau Chief Iowa Department of Education Director Designee
Martha Kester Military Installation Representative	Laura Kacer, Superintendent Johnston Community School District
Executive Branch Representative Vacant	Chris Cox Military Family Education Liaison
Iowa Legislature Representative Vacant	

The Department-appointed members were chosen because of their affiliation to having children of military personnel (including the National Guard) within their school districts, being connected to school-related issues for such children, or having a long-standing relationship to the military or the National Guard.

The Iowa Compact is required to meet at least once each calendar year for the purpose of addressing issues involving the dependents of military families seeking resolution such as:

1. Official, unofficial, or hand-carried education records or transcripts;
2. Continued enrollment at the same grade level when transferring between states;
3. Course and program placements, including special education services, in all subject areas;
4. Waiving of course and program prerequisites and other pre-conditions; and,
5. The granting of additional absences due to situations related to deployments.

A full description of the issues is detailed in Iowa Code sections 256H.1.4, 256H.1.5, 256H.1.6, and 256H.1.7.

## Current Status/Activities

- No student issues were brought before the Iowa Compact during the 2022-2023 academic year.
- The annual board meeting of the Iowa Military Interstate Compact Commission was held on May 15, 2023.
- Laura Kacer was appointed Commissioner of the Iowa Compact on February 3, 2023.





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

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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, 2023 (covers period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023)

**SUBJECT:** 2023 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
- Mr. Brian Perry, Director of Government Relations, Kentucky Department of Education

### State Council Point of Contact

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

#### **MIC3 Annual Conference (October 19-20, 2022)**

Kentucky State Council Commissioner Bullard attended the 2022 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) held in October in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This was the first MIC3 ABM to be held in person since October 2019 due to COVID restrictions. Key topics addressed at the ABM included a resolution of the National Guard and Reserve inclusion proposal. Commissioners voted not to attempt to open the base MIC3 legislative due to the associated complexities; however, they endorsed the concept of states adopting their own state-specific legislation to do so, similar to existing legislation covering Guard and Reserve personnel in Arkansas and a similar best-practice legislation (KRS 156.735) in Kentucky providing compact protection to DOD civilian employees and their families. MIC3 has developed a legislative tool kit for interested states. Kentucky already has draft legislation in place – House Bill 63 in the 2023 General Assembly, which passed the House and passed through Senate committee but did not get a vote on the floor of the Senate due to time constraints. The legislation will be filed again in the 2024 Kentucky General Assembly. MIC3 staff will also assist states in crafting a citation correction to the compact, in which the base federal law was inadvertently cited as a section instead of chapter. This correction was included in House Bill 63.

#### **State Council Annual Meeting (January 24, 2023; virtual)**

The State Council conducted its annual meeting on January 24, 2023 through Zoom video teleconference. In Kentucky, per direction of the governor, the KCMA executive director serves as the state commissioner for this national program, with a Kentucky Department of Education representative. Brian Perry succeeded Tracy Goff-Herman in the KDE role after Goff-Herman left state government service late summer 2022. Those present included Commissioner Bullard, Military MIC3 Representative Colonel Lance O'Bryan (Fort Knox Garrison Commander), Hardin County Schools Superintendent Teresa Morgan, Tracy Leath representing Christian County Public Schools Superintendent Chris Bentzel, State Senator Mike Wilson, Fort Knox School

Liaison Officer Brenda Weatherington, and Stacey Shane (KCMA). David Wickersham of the Kentucky Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Early Learning planned to attend representing Commissioner of Education Jason Glass; however, before the meeting began he was pulled away for a federal government call and was unable to join. Mr. Perry and Rep. Dossett were unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts.

Commissioner Bullard said 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 continue to go well, he briefed. Our MIC3 State Council membership is full, and cases are at a minimum, with one case reaching the state level thus far this current fiscal year.

National MIC3 Executive Director Cherise Imai praised the MIC3 team's outstanding relationship with the Kentucky council and school liaison officers. She also outlined the implementation of the new 3-year MIC3 strategic plan, focusing on education, outreach and training. Commissioners adopted a new rule for extra-curricular activities that originated from an Elizabethtown, Kentucky case from February 2022 in which a military student was unable to make his high school baseball team. The new rule clarifies the intent associated with the availability of tryout information to help ensure all new students receive important information on extra-curricular activities available to them. MIC3 has produced several new training videos and continues to do monthly on-line training, with the potential for in-person training – an excellent option for nearby states, especially Kentucky, which hosts the MIC3 staff with the Council of State Governments in Lexington.

### **State Training Activities**

MIC3 national staff conducted in-person training with Elizabethtown Independent Schools staff in early January 2023, joined by Fort Knox School Liaison Officer Brenda Weatherington. Commissioner Bullard had a conflict that day, so he filmed an introduction for the event with the assistance of Lindsay Dablow of the national MIC3 team. The filmed introduction is not time-sensitive and may be reused as needed. In addition, Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer Laquvia Garrett did an outstanding job hosting multiple training events in the counties around her installation through the first quarter of 2023, and also assisted in hosting local area Kentucky Purple Star induction ceremonies as a guest speaker.

### **Additional Duties**

Commissioner Bullard continues to serve as national Compliance Committee chair, which also places him on the national MIC3 Executive Committee. He was appointed to this role in January 2022. The Compliance Committee meets bi-monthly and the Executive Committee meets quarterly.

### **Supporting Legislation**

As noted earlier in this report, the Kentucky MIC3 Council worked with council member Rep. Myron Dossett to file omnibus military legislation in the form of House Bill 63, which includes the MIC3 Compact Statute Correction for KRS 156.730 and the addition of the National Guard and Reserve to the protections of KRS 156.735. House Bill 63 passed the House unanimously in late February 2023, with a sponsor change to freshman Representative Steve Bratcher, then languished for nearly a month in Senate committee as legislative action stalled in general due to the highly charged general politics of the session. House Bill 63 passed Senate committee the second to last week of the session in March; however, time ran out on the session before it could be heard on the floor the final day. We will bring this legislation back for consideration in the 2024 General Assembly, which is a longer session and is expected to pass easily. The General Assembly did pass two Defense State Liaison Office priority occupational licensing compact bills, one entering Kentucky into the new Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact (House Bill 319) and the other entering Kentucky into the

new Cosmetology compact (Senate Bill 57). Kentucky is a leader in occupational compacts and is a member of eight of the 13 current DOD priority compacts (five being new this year). We were hoping to add the Emergency Medical Services Compact this year; however, the national compact is conducting a legal review on state concerns, so we elected to postpone consideration until the 2024 session. The remaining DOD-priority compacts pending potential sponsorship entering the 2024 session are the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact (this one's been a challenge, as well, with employer concerns about APRNs seeking higher paying contracts elsewhere), the Dental and Dental Hygienist Compact, the Interstate Massage Therapy Compact and the Physician Associates Compact. The 2024 session will also see legislation to incorporate the Kentucky Purple Star Schools program.

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

In 2021, 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. At our invitation, First Lady Britainy Beshear visited Fort Knox DODEA schools on April 21, 2023 to promote the Month of the Military Child, meet installation leaders, and promote military family readiness.

### **Annual State Dues Assessment**

Kentucky received its Fiscal Year 2024 dues assessment for membership in the MIC3 on May 1, 2023, in the amount of \$10,355, invoice number FY24-001KY, and submitted it for payment, per Governor-directed memo, to the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs. The current dues formula for FY24 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, 2023. Payment in full was immediately processed by the Department of Military Affairs and was received by MIC3 on May 11, 2023.

### **Administrative Requirements**

Commissioner Bullard completed and submitted to MIC3 his mandatory Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest statements at the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting in October 2022. All Kentucky administrative requirements for the fiscal year are complete with the filing of this year's Annual Report on June 30, 2023.

### **FY23 Kentucky MIC3 Cases (one)**

- Army family assigned to Fort Knox; successfully resolved
  - Bullitt County Schools informed the soldier his children cannot attend school next year unless he gets a Kentucky driver's license
    - This is in violation of KRS 186.430, with this exemption adopted into Kentucky law during the 2021 Kentucky General Assembly (House Bill 277)
    - Military personnel assigned to Kentucky are allowed to maintain their official home of record outside Kentucky, as many soldiers do (including this soldier), and may retain a valid driver's license from that state versus obtaining a Kentucky license
  - The school official was simply unaware of this legislation, understandable as it was recently passed, and promptly complied with its intent
  - No further issues are anticipated

### **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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# Louisiana 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name:	Ernise
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I am the Compact Commissioner for:	Louisiana
The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following::	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 Lisa Lohman
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Accomplishments:	<p>Established the Purple Star School Award. 22 schools have earned Purple Star Status. Each school was presented a Purple Star banner, a certificate, and a digital badge to display on their website. Several of the schools attended the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education meeting in April to receive the banner. Ernise delivered the banner to a few of the schools.</p> <p>During late April a delegation from LDOE visited with the leadership at Fort Johnson (formerly named Fort Polk). We also toured educational facilities at Fort Johnson and a school in Vernon Parish. A visit to Barksdale Air Force Base also occurred. During the visit the School Liaison provided an update on their initiatives. Base leadership provided concerns and opportunities to improve the relationship between the base and the educational community.</p>
Activities:	<p>A visit to Joint Reserve Base - Belle Chasse took place in May. The Commander provided an overview of the base structure and how they are making connections to the community. A tour of the base occurred ending with a tour of Belle Chasse Academy, the public charter school on the base.</p> <p>Month of Military Child was promoted. Purple Star School Award established. Purple Star Banners presented to eligible schools.</p>
Presentations:	Nothing to report

# Maine 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: Sarah  
Last Name: Forster

I am the Compact Commissioner for: Maine

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following: Sarah Forster, ME MIC3 Commissioner  
Designee  
Commander Jeffrey Smith, USN Deputy Commander, Base Operations, PNSY  
Jessica Nixon, Maine DOE, Chief of Operations  
Scott Young, Deputy Commissioner, Maine DVEM  
Joseph Baldacci, State Senate, District 9  
Heidi Sampson, Maine State House of Representatives, District 21  
Eric Waddell, Superintendent, Kittery Public School, ME  
Elizabeth Marcotte, Lead Child & Youth Coordinator, Maine National Guard  
Kristen Ferullo, School Liaison Officer, PNSY  
Jane Durgin, Director of Special Education, Kittery, ME  
BG Douglas A. Farnham, MEANG, Adjutant General, Maine National Guard

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Accomplishments: n/a

Activities: n/a

Presentations: n/a





**Mohammed Choudhury**  
State Superintendent of Schools

July 1, 2023

The Honorable Wes Moore  
Governor  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable William Ferguson  
H-107 State House  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
H-101 State House  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Re: Education Article §7-1303, MSAR #7598, and Executive Order 01.01.2010.09, MSAR #8880 - Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Report

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

Pursuant to §7-1303 of the Education Article (MSAR #7598) and Executive Order 01.01.2010.09 (MSAR #8880), the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) shall report annually to the Governor, the Maryland General Assembly, 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. Such reports shall 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. 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.

Military children face 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 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, please find attached the following:

- MIC3 one-page summary of the Interstate Compact
- MIC3 Annual Report 2022
- Strategic Plan 2023-2025
- Agenda for the October 19-20, 2022, Annual Business Meeting of the MIC3
- Agenda and Minutes for the June 8, 2023, Maryland State Council Meeting

Maryland was represented at the Annual Business Meeting and the Executive Committee Meetings by Mary L. Gable, Assistant State Superintendent, Division of Student Support, Academic Enrichment, and Educational Policy, Maryland State Department of Education. Ms. Gable is the Maryland State Commissioner and the Chairperson of the MIC3 Rules Committee. As Commissioner, Ms. Gable annually shares information on the Interstate Compact with the Directors of Student Services, Coordinators of School Counselors across the 24 local education agencies (LEAs), and other groups. Ms. Gable assists families and the LEAs when there are challenges in a student's transition.

Dr. Cheryl Dyson, Superintendent, Frederick County Public Schools, represented the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland (PSSAM) at the State Council on June 8, 2023, and plans 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 attached 2022 Annual Report. Also attached are copies of the agenda and minutes of the June 8, 2023, meeting of Maryland's State Council for the Interstate Compact. Each state must have a State Council that meets annually.

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/publications/>. The Compact Rules document was thoroughly reviewed and updated as needed by the MIC3 Rules Committee and presented at the Annual Business Meeting in October, 2022.

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 was the addition to the Compact of National Guard and reserve dependents beyond those under Title

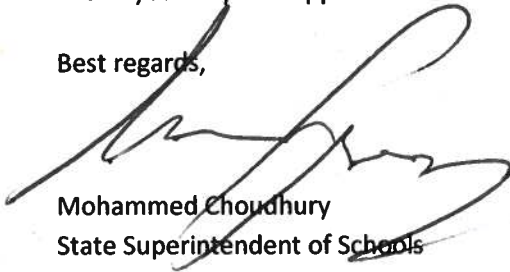
10 active-duty status. Also discussed was a technical correction needed for every state's Compact language. The need for the technical correction is being discussed by every State Council.

As a member of the Compact, Maryland's dues for FY 2023 were \$22,609 based on 19,660 military students.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Akilah Alleyne, Executive Director, Government Affairs, Education Policy, and External Relations by email at [akilah.alleyne@maryland.gov](mailto:akilah.alleyne@maryland.gov) or by telephone at 410-767-0504. You may find additional information on the MIC3 website: <https://mic3.net/>.

Thank you for your support of children of military families who attend Maryland schools.

Best regards,



Mohammed Choudhury  
State Superintendent of Schools

MC/mlg

Enclosures:

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Cc: Sarah T. Albert, Mandated Reports Specialist, Department of Legislative Services (5 copies)

## **2023 End of Year Report State of Massachusetts**

### **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 Taona Enriquez, Mission Support Group Commander, Hanscom AFB, United States Air Force

### **STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

RADM J. Clarke Orzalli, USN (RET) - Chairman

Jon Santiago, Executive Secretary of Veterans Services', Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services

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 Taona Enriquez, Mission Support Group Commander, Hanscom AFB, United States Air Force

CAPT Amy Grable, 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  
MA National Guard Family Program

Phil Napolitano– Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Assistant Director

**Points of Contact:**

J. Clarke Orzalli - RADM USN (ret) – Commissioner 206-459-3222 [corzalli@gmail.com](mailto:orzalli@gmail.com)

Christine Cowan – Military Family Education Liaison 781-338-6301 [ccowan@doe.mass.edu](mailto:ccowan@doe.mass.edu)

**Accomplishments:**

August 2022 – Passed the Speed Act which implemented the Massachusetts Purple Star School Program. Applications are being accepted until 29 September 2023 for the first class.

19-20 October 2022 - Commissioner Orzalli and School Liaison Officer Laurel Wironen attended MIC3 ABM in Baton Rouge LA.

25 October 2022 - State MIC3 Council Meeting was held virtually

21 November 2022 – Commissioner Orzalli met with new DOD Liaison Col Taona Enrriquez, 66 Mission Support Group Commander, Hanscom AFB, United States Air Force.

14 April 2023 – Commissioner Orzalli, Presented Month of the Military Child Proclamation signed by Governor Healy and Lt Gov. Driscoll to Bedford High School Principal Heather Galante, and Bedford School Superintendent Phil Conrad. Bedford High School was celebrating Purple Up day. The event was also attended by State Council members; State Representative Ken Gordon and DOD Liaison COL Taona Enriquez, as well as School Liaison Officer Laurel Wironen.

12 June 2023 – Commissioner Orzalli and SLO Laurel Wironen met with Bedford School Superintendent Phil Conrad concerning placement of a Military Connected Student.

**End of Year Report FY23  
June 2023**

**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. Jessica Truchan, 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 Jessica Truchan, school liaison to the council. 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 passed Purple Star State legislation and assigned its execution to the Michigan Department of Education.

**Activities**

- The Michigan's State Council met in first quarter of FY 2023.
- The Council was referred to for a recruiting question and provided requested information.
- The Council discussed and approved pursuing changing the State compact to amend language IAW with the Commission's recommendation and to add National Guard service members to be covered by the compact. The State Commissioner agreed to submitting model language to the State legislature in the summer of 2023, following state budget negotiations.

# Minnesota 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: Daron  
Last Name: Korte

I am the Compact  
Commissioner for: Minnesota

The membership of  
the state's MIC3  
council consists of  
the following: See membership list  
here: <https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=2579>

Two points of  
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related to the  
Compact in my state  
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Accomplishments: To celebrate the Month of the Military Child, the Minnesota National Guard Child & Youth Program, in partnership with Mall of America, hosted the 9th annual Purple Up Open House on April 14, 2023 to recognize the commitment, contributions, and sacrifices military-connected youth make for our nation. In addition to the open house, the Minnesota National Guard Child & Youth Program is also hosted an art contest and photo contest.

Governor Tim Walz also issued a state proclamation proclaiming April 2023 as the Month of the Military Child (<https://mn.gov/governor/newsroom/proclamations/?id=1055-571971>).

Activities: In Minnesota, the state P-20 Education Partnership serves at the State Council for the Military Children's Compact. Recently, the P-20 underwent a reorganization and the group now has an Executive Director who is working to refocus the efforts of the partnership be more impactful and provide meaningful change. Commissioner-Designee Korte has met with the Executive Director to discuss the role of P-20 as the Minnesota MIC3 State Council. Commissioner-Designee Korte and the military-installation representative will present at the September or November P-20/State Council meeting.

Presentations: N/A

**Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission  
2023 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	vacant
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	Walter Mattil
Commission Member, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	Jocelyn Strand
Commission Member, Warrensburg School District	John Finnane

**Missouri Points of Contact:**

Dr. Brian Henry, Missouri Commissioner

(573) 286-4441

**2022 Missouri Accomplishments/Training:**

- The Month of the Military Child Kick-off Event was held in the State Capitol Rotunda on April 5, 2023. This event featured Governor Mike Parson, Missouri Commissioner of Education Dr. Margie Vandeven, State Representative Bill Hardwick, Whiteman Air Force Base Wing Commander Colonel Diehl, Commandant of the Army Engineering School at Fort Leonard Wood Colonel Goetz, and numerous dignitaries and elected officials from across the state and Missouri. In addition, students from Waynesville School District (Fort Leonard Wood), Knob Noster School District (Whiteman Air Force Base), and Warrensburg School District (Whiteman Air Force Base) attended the event. Three students were selected to speak to attendees and share their transitional experiences as military children.
- Missouri School Districts earning the Missouri Purple Star Award were recognized at the Month of the Military Child Kick-off.



- In addition to the Month of the Military Child Kick-off Event, Governor Parson ordered the lighting of the Missouri Governor's Mansion in purple on April 5, 2023 to commemorate the Month of the Military Child.
- MIC3 Missouri State Council met in June 2022, September 2022, and in June of 2023.
- May 10, 2023 Salute to Service featuring Missouri Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe, Major General Gary Brito- Commanding General of Army Training and Doctrine Command, Major General Jim Bonner- Commanding General Fort Leonard Wood-The Adjutant General to the Missouri National Guard Major General Levon E. Cumpston, Dr. Kari Monsees- Assistant Commissioner Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which recognized students from across south central Missouri enlisting, entering ROTC, or receiving an appointment to one our nation's service academies.

# Montana 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: Ray  
Last Name: Shaw

I am the Compact Commissioner for: Montana

The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following:  
Ray L. Shaw- MT MIC3 Commissioner  
Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent, Montana Office of Public Instruction  
Lisa Sapp, School Liaison, Malmstrom Air Force Base  
Col Christopher Karns, 341 MSG Commander, Malmstrom AFB  
Tom Moore, Superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools  
Representative Ed Buttrey, Montana House of Representatives  
BG (Ret.) Brad Livingston

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:  
Ray L. Shaw- MT MIC3 Commissioner  
Lisa Sapp, School Liaison, Malmstrom Air Force Base

Accomplishments: Commissioner Ray Shaw participated in Month of the Military Child at the Helena Capitol Building on 19 APRIL and participated in the Month of the Military Child/Purple Star Awards Luncheon on 27 APRIL in Great Falls, MT.

Activities:  
1.The MT MIC3 Council met three times this past year in August 2022, November 2022, and April 2023.  
2.The MT MIC3 Council presented 5 Purple Star Awards on 27 APRIL 2023.  
3. Great Falls Public Schools hosted a training on December 8, 2022.  
4. Montana School for the Deaf and Blind hosted a training on December 9, 2022.

Presentations: N/A

# Nebraska 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: Brian  
Last Name: Halstead

I am the Compact  
Commissioner for: Nebraska

The membership of the  
state's MIC3 council  
consists of the following: Brian L. Halstead, Deputy Commissioner  
Matt Blomstedt - Commissioner of Education (vacant from  
January 2, 2023)  
Dr. Jeff Rippe, Superintendent of Bellevue Public Schools  
Col. Jasin R. Cooley - Offut Air Force Base 55th Wing  
Support Group Commander  
Senator Lynne Walz, Nebraska Legislature

Two points of contact for  
issues related to the  
Compact in my state are: Brian L. Halstead  
Tamra Walz

Accomplishments: Annual Meeting August 11, 2022

Minutes of Meeting: [https://www.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/DRAFT\\_Council-on-Educational-Opportunity-for-Military-Children-Minutes-2022.pdf](https://www.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/DRAFT_Council-on-Educational-Opportunity-for-Military-Children-Minutes-2022.pdf)

Activities: Nebraska State Board supported Month of Military Child in  
April 2023:  
<https://meeting.sparqdata.com/Public/Agenda/152?meeting=574916>

Presentations: None

# Nevada 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: Felicia  
Last Name: Gonzales

I am the Compact  
Commissioner for: Nevada

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

Felicia Gonzales, State Commissioner, Nevada  
Department of Education  
Col. Kevin Mares, 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  
Vacant, NIAA, Executive Director, Nevada Interscholastic  
Activities Assoc.  
Vacant, Child and Youth Lead Coordinator, Nevada  
National Guard  
Vacant, NAS Fallon School Liaison Officer  
Kristina Aubert, AFB Nellis and Creech, School Liaison  
Officer  
Sydney Aschenbrenner, 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  
Nora Luna, Area Director for 4-H Cooperative Extension  
University of Reno, Military Liaison  
Vacant, NV Dept. of Veterans Services Representative  
Mark Resendez, Education Representative

Two points of contact for  
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Accomplishments:

- Awarded certificates, display banners, and professional learning books to 5 new Purple Star Schools in November 2022 and 3 new schools in April 2023
- Developed a media plan to further inform the public regarding Month of the Military Child and the Purple Star Schools Program
- Developed and hosted webinars to educate Nevada's educators on the Compact
- Month of the Military Child
- Developed and implemented an Annual Renewal process and reporting form for schools to maintain their Purple Star School designation.
- Nevada Governor Joseph Lombardo signed Assembly Bill 185 into law enabling military families to early enroll students in school using the address of the military base.

Activities:

- State Council Commissioner Gonzales participated in the October 19 & 20, 2022 MIC3 Annual Business Meeting.
- KellyLynn Charles attended MCEC 2022 Global Summit in July
- KellyLynn Charles attended the 1st Annual Purple Star School Convening October 26, 2022
- Hosted a Purple Star School information table at Nellis Airforce Base Aviation Nation Air Show on November 4-5, 2022.
- Held State Council meeting November 14, 2022.
- State Council Commissioner Gonzales attended bi-monthly MIC3 Communications and Outreach meetings.
- Nevada Governor Lombardo proclaimed April 2023 the Month of the Military Child.
- Three Nevada MIC3 Council members and three educational stakeholders served on the Purple Star Schools application review panel during the April 2023 award cycle.

- During the April 6, 2023, 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 19, 2023.
- Purple Star School award ceremonies were attended by local veterans, military-connected students and families, and district leadership. 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.
  - o 2 Schools Receive Purple Star Award- Fox 5
  - o Mt. Rose K-8 Academy Purple Star School activity Fox 5

Presentations:

- The Compact and Purple Star Schools at the NV Family Engagement Summit October 15, 2022
- Month of the Military Child and Purple Star Schools at the April 6, 2023 State Board of Education meeting
- Month of the Military Child and Purple Star Schools at the June 2023 Nevada Advisory Council for Family Engagement

## 2023 Annual MIC3 Report

### New Hampshire

Dear Executive Director Cherise Imai,

I am honored to submit the 2023 annual Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission report on behalf of the New Hampshire State Council, supporting students whose parents/guardians are on active duty or serving in the National Guard or the Reserves.

Throughout the year the New Hampshire MIC3 State Council has remained active in its support of the Compact under Title VIII as defined in New Hampshire's RSA's (Revised Statutes Annotated).

The Council met their obligation to hold a state council meeting on May 23rd via an online meeting to accommodate the members' busy schedules. Council members were provided updates on the annual business meeting held in the Fall of 2022. The Council was provided highlights on the inclusion of the National Guard and Reserves. The discussion focused on the challenges faced during deployment including mental health counseling for adults and children, access to affordable childcare, spousal employment, and health care. The members were also updated on House Bill 1653 signed into law by Governor Sununu and key issues for the US DOD.

The Council heard reports regarding the MIC3 National Strategic Plan 2023-2025 and the work of the Training Committee to provide resources for the states as well as training for essential staff in schools.

One activity that has been well received by the council members was the case studies of situations facing military families. This provided the attendees with real life situations and solutions to support the students and families.

New Hampshire is very fortunate to have the Commander of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as part of the Council. This year, Commander Smith has kept the council up to date on the growth occurring at the shipyard with the construction of 2 additional dry docks as well as the significant increase in personnel for both temporary and permanent sailors and families.

In addition to Commander Smith's update on the activities at the naval shipyard, David Madden 157<sup>th</sup> Airman and Family Readiness Coordinator for Pease Air Force Base shared with the council the arrival of 159 Airmen. He discussed the challenges faced with housing availability and costs.

This year the council wanted to hold a "Tri State Council meeting (NH, VT, and Maine) given that we share some of the same challenges. We were unable to schedule this event, but the council has every intention to move forward with this initiative. The Commander of the Navy Shipyard has graciously offered his facility for the meeting as well as a tour of the shipyard.

This winter the student liaison (SLO) for the Navy, Kristen Ferullo presented an overview of the MIC3 work in the state to school superintendents at their monthly meeting held in Concord. Kristen's presentation was well received and generated many additional questions and requests for information.

Many resources are available to schools including Purple Star School Toolbox, Deployment Kits, Tutor. Com and apprenticeships available at the shipyard.

For the past several years as Commissioner, I have served on the national MIC3 Training Committee. The committee meets monthly and is responsible for supporting new Commissioner's via a Mentorship program and a variety of webinars. In addition, the committee supports the development of training tools to be used by groups supporting students and families as well as for families learning about the support offered by the Compact.

The Council affirmed the following recommendation for the upcoming year.

- Organize and hold a Tri State meeting of MIC3 leadership from Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire.
- Broaden the reach of the School Liaison Kristen Ferullo via various organizations throughout the state such as School Principals, School Counselors, Social Workers, and Superintendents.
- Work with the NHED (New Hampshire Education Department) to improve the military identifier data.
- The state council recommended a targeted effort to add voices to the council. This includes a legislative representative, Governor's Office, School Counselors Association and Principal's association.
- The Title VIII language requires a correction based on a scrivener's error. The technical amendment will amend the wording "Section" to "Chapter."

In New Hampshire we continue to have a close-knit educational community resulting in our ability to be responsive to students and families in transition.

I am grateful to have the opportunity to work with Kristen Ferullo, the Student Liaison Officer for the Navy. Her wealth of experience and knowledge of military families has been of incredible valuable to leaders across the state of New Hampshire. She offers guidance and support throughout the transition process and always keeps the needs of students as her priority.

I continue to be honored to serve as the New Hampshire Commissioner for the Military Interstate Compact Commission for Children. I hope in some small way I can find solutions to support our students and families.

Respectfully,

Kathleen A. Murphy  
NH MIC#3 Commissioner



# New Mexico 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: Teresa  
Last Name: Ferenczhalmy

I am the Compact  
Commissioner for: New Mexico

The membership of the  
state's MIC3 council  
consists of the following:  
Teresa Ferenczhalmy, NM Commissioner  
Beth Mann, SME  
Col Megan Cornett  
Arsenio Romero, NM Public Education Dept  
Kristina Gonzalez, Public Education Dept  
Brigadier General Miguel Aquilar, NM National Guard  
Donnie Quintana, NM Dept of Veteran's Affairs  
Sally Marquez, NM Activities Association  
Renee Russo, Clovis Schools Superintendent

Two points of contact for  
issues related to the  
Compact in my state are:  
Teresa Ferenczhalmy  
Beth Mann

Accomplishments: This year's main accomplishment was that we did get to hold a State Council meeting. I know that sounds trivial but the support from the Public Education Department has not been the greatest this year. We now have a new POC and am very hopeful that this next year will be much better.

Our Military Representative Col Megan Cornett has been very supportive and met with the Commissioner and SME to make a plan forward for the council. We will be getting a new Mil Rep in July.

Legislation was passed this year regarding free meals in schools. The Citation Correction legislation will be looked at in the 2024 session.

All military installation on the state supported Month of the Military child this year with installation activities through the month. White Sands Missile Range hosted a job fair for 400 high school students which was a great success!

Activities: The State Council met on June 8, 2023.

There were 5 meetings throughout the year between the Commissioner and SLOs. We will continue to meet at least quarterly next year.

Presentations: No presentations were given this year.

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*NEW YORK STATE INTERSTATE COMPACT – MILITARY CHILDREN*

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June 30, 2023

**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 2022/2023 on **October 12, 2022**, and on **March 29, 2023**. The meetings were held at the New York State Museum, Cultural Education Center, 222 Madison Avenue Albany, NY. 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 the 2023-2024 New York State Interstate Compact Meetings has been established.

## 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 and in the P20 weekly/content area notification to districts. In working toward stronger communication about the NYS Interstate Compact these newsletters are 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, serves on the MIC-3 Finance committee, the MIC-3 Leadership committee as vice chair, and as facilitator of the MIC-3 Tier 2 meetings.
- d. The Governor’s Office of Appointments vetted and approved Sonia Draught, Chief Specialist Plans, Analysis & Integration, US Army Garrison Fort Drum to the position of “a representative from a military installation appointed by the governor”. She will begin participating as a voting member in 2023. The Draught appointment was signed in October 2023 by Governor Hochul.
- e. The Commissioner for the State Education Department, Dr. Betty A. Rosa, appointed Troy Decker, Superintendent of the Indian River Central School District, to serve as “a superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children appointed by the commissioner” replacing Dr. Frank Sheboy who retired as Superintendent of the Highland Falls -Fort Montgomery School District. The Decker appointment was effective August 2022.

- f. West Point designated the Garrison Commander as the DoD Mil Rep for New York. This is a “by position” appointment so it will continue to be filled by the current Garrison Commander. COL Anthony Bianchi, Commander, US Army Garrison, West Point, United States Army joined the Council in 2023. COL Michael Yankovich, Academy Professor, USMA, West Point, United States Army served as the MIL Rep through 2022.
- g. The Governor’s Office of Appointments has not yet approved the following: “a representative appointed by the governor”.
- h. The Council acknowledged the work by Marybeth Casey, Frank Sheboy, and Michael Yankovich, who retired in 2022, and Michi Carl who retired as a SLO in 2023. Their active participation during our formation enabled our New York State Council to initiate the work with efficacy.
- i. 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 2022-2023 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 the 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.

Also of note are the difficulties in receiving end-of-course sign offs for military educational transfers. The current “Attestation Letter Template” is more rigid than the Compact language, therefore the Council members are working to amend the current template, opening it up to reflect alternative measures of proficiency/mastery.

- j. The Council members reviewed their response to the proposal by MIC-3 to expand Compact coverage to the National Guard and Reserve beyond service members in Title 10 status. Currently the Council is not recommending a change in law for New York State.

- k. The Commissioner and Council members took the lead to initiate a citation correction following up on the MIC-3 request to address the technical amendment. Upon learning a change in the law resides with the Education Department, the Council made a formal request for the change to NYSED. This technical amendment (one word change, changing the word “sections” to “chapters” correlates to the definition of “active duty”). NYSED responded adversely to the request, stating “the legal team does not want to act at this time”. Explaining that this is considered a non-issue as it is likely understood what this is referring to and if it is not causing any confusion or issues in the field, the NYSED leadership recommendation is to leave law as exists.
- l. The Liverpool CSD identified new military enrollments in their area, specifically due to changes at the Hancock ANG. 26 districts are within the Base Housing Allowance zones, one of those being Liverpool Central School District. The Liverpool CSD reached out to MIC3 for a Compact 101 Training Presentation, for their regional Professional Development Day. Lindsey Dablow of MIC3 conducted the presentation in March 2023.
- m. All voting members appointed to the council are updated in JCOPE as New York State policymakers.

**Future scheduled meeting dates+**

October 18, 2023  
 April 3, 2024

**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 (Fall 2022)  
 COL Anthony Bianchi, Commander, US Army Garrison, West Point, United States Army (Spring 2023)

## **NEW YORK STATE COMMISSIONER**

Dr. Debra Jackson\*, Interstate Compact Commissioner

## **STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

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

Dr. David Brown, Superintendent, DeRuyter Central School District and Past President New York State School Music Association

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

Marybeth Casey, Retired, New York State Education Department

Sonia Draught\*, Director, Plans, Analysis, and Integration Fort Drum, United States Army

Troy Decker\*, Superintendent of Schools, Indian River CSD, NY

Heather Evangelista\*, Parent, West Point, NY

Joel Evans\*, Director Division of Veterans Services, Albany, NY

Kevin Getnick\*, Designated Representative of the Adjutant General

Kristen Suatoni Jadin, Assistant Director, New York State Public High School Athletic Association

Melissa Montaque\*, New York State Education Department; Graduation and Program Requirements, Albany, NY

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

Melissa Pandolf\*, Veterans Service Officer, Patchogue, New York

Diana Pasterchick, Coordinator of Veterans and Military Affairs, State University of New York Albany

Matt Rogers, Fort Drum, United States Army

Dr. Frank Sheboy, Deputy Superintendent, Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery CSD

Major General Raymond F. Shields, Jr., Adjutant General of New York

Stephen J. Todd\*, District Superintendent, Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Dr. Robert Zayas, Director, New York State Public High School Athletic Association

# North Carolina 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: Nickolas (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, 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)

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

Mr. Nickolas (Nick) Sojka (Commissioner)  
[nickolassojka@ccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:nickolassojka@ccs.k12.nc.us)

Dr. Angie Mullennix, State Superintendent's Designee  
[Angie.Mullennix@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Angie.Mullennix@dpi.nc.gov)

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.



# North Dakota 2023 End-of-Year Report

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:  
Kirsten Baesler (State Supt)  
Gen Jackie Huber (NDNG)  
Rep. Karen Karls  
Mark Vollmer (Minot Supt)  
Maj. Jay Sheldon (NDNG)  
Davina French (Commissioner)  
Terry Brenner (Grand Forks Supt)  
Col Gregory Mayer (5th MSG, Minot)  
Jen Anderson (DPI Comms)  
Joy Smith (Minot SLO)  
Steve Snow  
Col David Castor (319 MSG, GF)  
Lexi Holsey (Grand Forks SLO)  
CMSgt Erick Lizarrago (319 MSG, GF)

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:: Davina French  
Joy Smith

Accomplishments: Purple Star is now official in North Dakota, complete with a sub-committee! This is a big state-wide effort and it is growing daily!

Activities: Month Of the Military Child  
20 Apr (so session will still be in)  
Here is a tentative schedule  
What: Month of the Military Child Day at the Capitol and Proclamation Signing  
When: April 20, 2023  
Where: Bismarck, ND (Capitol Building and Heritage Center)  
Who: Military Connected Children in North Dakota, Military Member or Spouse, Military Leadership, Governor, Supt. Baesler (DPI staff)  
Why: Recognize and celebrate military children for their service and sacrifice.  
How: Coordination by the working group. See agenda below. Ability to participate in events is dependent on travel.

Purple Up Day 20 April

Time: Location: Event:

##### Heritage Center Tour

##### State Capitol Tour

##### State Capitol Lunch

(Military Legislative Update)

##### State Capitol Observe Floor Session

4pm State Capitol Youth Recognition Program

(True Patriot Award and Medal)

(Youth of the Year Recognition)

415pm State Capitol Proclamation Signing

##### State Capitol Media Opportunity

We are also asked schools (and DPI) to do a Sprit Week that week

- April 17 – Wear colors to support your favorite military branch (Army green, Air Force blue, Marine red, Navy blue)
- April 19 – Red, White and Blue day
- April 19 – Camouflage day
- April 20 – Wear Purple (purple represents all branches of the military)
- April 21 – RED (Remember Everyone Deployed) day – wear red!

Presentations:

MIC3 Council Meeting 22 Dec 2023

Council met on 20 April 2023 at Capitol for the signed of the Proclamation for the Month of the Military Child



## 2023 Annual Report – State of Ohio MIC3

The Thomas D Rutan MIC3 **State Council of Ohio** convened to conduct formal business meetings – both hybrid and in-person; on 9 August 2022, 5 December 2022, and 31 March 2023.

In accordance with By-Laws, we proposed **Chip Merkle**, Education Specialist of the Ohio Army and Air National Guard as the Council Co-Chair; **Ashley Twedt**, Chief Administrator of the Ohio MIC3 site as the Council Vice-Chair; **Michelle Lewis** of the Ohio Association of Purple Star Schools as the Council Historian; and **Jason Scragg** from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) as the Council Secretary. In the Fall of 2022, ODE hired Scragg as an Education Consultant and in this role, he supports Purple Star Schools and state-wide MIC3 Operations. Scragg issues monthly editions of the Bulletin Update for Military Families in Ohio.

**OhioCares** is an expert team of professionals from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (**Adreana Tartt**), the Ohio Department of Veterans Services (**Danny Eakins**), Ohio Army and Air National Guard (**Chip Merkle**), and led by the Executive Office (**Tammy Puff**) of the Governor – the **Honorable Mike DeWine**. These MIC3 Council members have partnered with local and regional professionals to connect all military personnel, veterans, military retirees and their families to crucial behavioral health services.



*Members of the Thomas D. Rutan MIC3 State Council of Ohio convened at a Purple Star School.*

Education and Military **Roundtables** were hosted in early August of 2022 by the Ohio Army and Air National Guard. The Ohio Department of Education presented Military Professional Development **Webinars** throughout March of 2023 to support PreK-12 educators.

The first annual **National Convening of Local Purple Star Schools and Communities** was hosted in late October of 2022. This first ever gathering of educators and leaders from Fourteen Purple Star States was led by teams from Kentucky and Ohio. At that point in time, it was believed that the nation included approximately 2,100 Purple Star Schools across some 40 states. The event was honored to have military-connected students in these sessions as well as Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Honorable Admiral Michael G Mullen (United States Navy, Retired) as the Keynote Speaker. The entire Convening was recorded and hosted in Zoom by **Ashland University** in northern Ohio. Ashland has served to support Purple Star Schools from planning to launch in 2015-17. Ashland applied for and was subsequently honored in the Inaugural Class of Collegiate Purple Star in Month of Military Appreciation, May of 2022.



*First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden receives a briefing on the Purple Star Program from MIC3 Commissioner Pete LuPiba and 3rd grade teacher Amber Farkas, March 29, 2023, at Beverly Gardens Elementary School in Ohio. (Official White House Photo by Erin Scott)*

**Joining Forces** is a White House initiative to support military families, which includes families of service-members and veterans, caregivers, and survivors. This work is driven by the experiences of the “American military family” comprised of service-members, spouses, and their families. In support of the program, the **First Lady of the United States of America, Dr. Jill Biden**, visited Ohio in late March of 2023 – ahead of Month of the Military Child, April. Accompanied by the **First Lady of Ohio – Mrs. Fran DeWine**, Dr Biden visited one of Ohio’s very

first Purple Star Schools; **Beverly Gardens Elementary** with **Principal Cristi Fields** of the Mad River District near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in greater Dayton.

Dr Biden received a briefing on the **Purple Star** program, which is designed to help schools respond to the educational and social-emotional challenges military-connected children face when navigating the challenges of military life. Pete LuPiba shared the history and goals of the initiative, while **Amber Farkas**, a Beverly Gardens third-grade teacher, shared how the program is implemented at a school where approximately 76 percent of students are military-connected. Dr Biden then visited a second-grade classroom where she spoke with students and helped with a mathematics exercise.

This day was made possible by leading MIC3 council members and great Ohioans including Director of Military and Veteran Relations **Tammy Puff** for the Executive Office of the Governor, District Superintendent **Chad Wyen** for Mad River schools, and School Liaison Officer **Trina Pauley** for Wright-Patterson AFB and the State of Ohio. First Lady Mrs. DeWine received her very first-ever Armed Forces Challenge Coin – Ohio’s MIC3 and Purple Star Schools Command Coin on this day at Beverly Gardens.



*First Lady of Ohio, Mrs. Fran DeWine, receiving an Ohio MIC3 Challenge Coin.*



*U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona giving military kids excuse notes for missing class to join him in conference.*

During the Month of the Military Child in April 2023, **U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona** graced Ohio with a visit to an elementary school. Paying tribute to the hardworking Ohio education system, Secretary Cardona engaged in intimate meetings with service members, their supportive spouses, and the resilient children of the military community. In a ceremonial gesture of appreciation, he was awarded the distinguished Ohio MIC3 Challenge Coin, a significant mark of his understanding and solidarity with our military's educational

cause. Esteemed MIC3 Council member, First Lieutenant **Jason Durell**, had the honor of briefing Secretary Cardona on the vital Purple Star School initiatives, elucidating its transformative role within the Ohio military-connected community.

The first annual **School Liaison Janet R. Wynn Memorial MIC3 Award** was presented in the summer of 2022. It was created in 2021 to honor a military kid, as they transitioned with their

military family. This award aims to highlight and celebrate the remarkable achievements of an Ohio military family or school-aged youth who displayed exceptional perseverance, grit, and determination throughout a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move, transitioned between school districts. In addition, nominees had to be currently serving members of the armed forces with school-aged children who encountered a move between schools and communities.

The **Ohio Department of Education** proudly announced that in **April 2023, 165 Ohio schools received the Purple Star designation** as members of the Purple Star Class of 2023. This marks the largest class of awardees to date, with 88 schools receiving the esteemed award for the first time and 77 schools earning a renewal after three years as dedicated Purple



*The 2022 Janet R Wynn Memorial MIC3 Award.*



*Ohio Department of Veterans Services Director, Major General Deborah Ashenhurst (Retired), presenting Hilliard Bradley High School with their 2023 Purple Star Award.*

Star schools. Ohio is home to 511 active Purple Star schools, demonstrating their significant commitment to serving students and families connected to the nation's armed forces. These schools provide unique support and address the wellness and academic needs of Ohio's military-connected youth.

In January 2023, the new General Assembly commenced its legislative session, welcoming several esteemed MIC3 council members to its ranks. Notable members of the new General Assembly include **Senator Terry Johnson, Senator Vernon Sykes, Representative Brian Lampton,** and The Ohio House Minority **Leader Allison Russo.** These individuals bring their expertise and dedication to serve the state of Ohio, ensuring the continued support and progress of the MIC3 statute, its implementation.

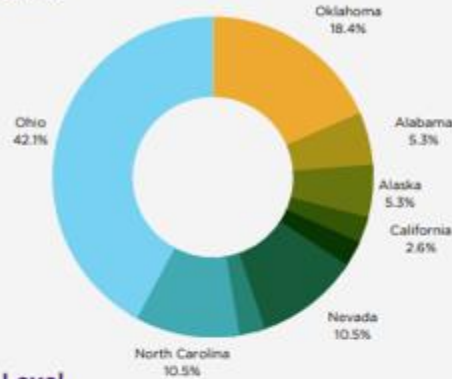
Building upon the collaborative efforts between the **Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)** and the **Center for Public Research and Leadership at Columbia University,** the second edition of the Columbia University

Report was released in February 2023. This report expands on the findings of the initial study conducted across four states, focusing on the implementation and evolution of the Purple Star program. It provides valuable insights on program requirements, administration, the effects of COVID-19, and recommendations at the state, district, and school levels to further improve and expand this initiative.

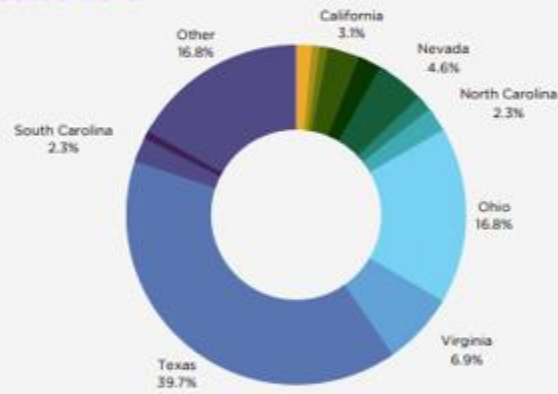
## Appendix D: Demographic Breakdown of Survey Data

### State Representation Across Surveys

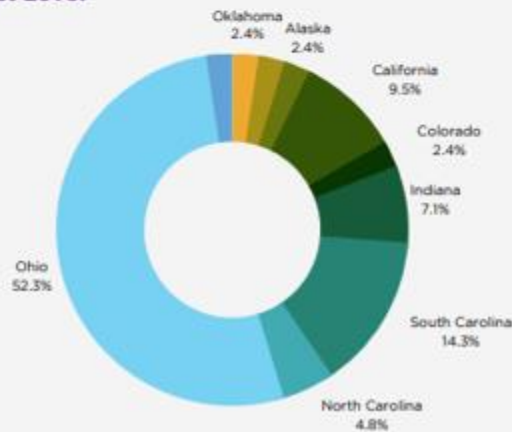
**Graph 1: Family Level**



**Graph 2: School Level**



**Graph 3: District Level**



*The MCEC and Center for Public Research and Leadership at Columbia University second report on the impact of the Purple Star Schools initiative pulled a majority of survey respondents from Ohio, the birthplace of Purple Star Schools.*



*Resolution honoring Month of the Military Child by the Ohio House of Representatives, and accepted by official "MIL Kid," Norah of Bellville Elementary School with her Dad plus Bellville's Purple Star School Liaison, Mrs. Ashley Twedt.*

Throughout the fall of 2022, the State Council of Ohio MIC3 provided professional development briefings to state-wide professional educators' associations, including the **Ohio School Board Association (OSBA)**, **Ohio School Counselors Association (OSCA)**, and **Ohio Educational Service Centers Association (OESCA)**. These briefings aimed to enhance educators' understanding of the MIC3 statute and its implications, ensuring they are well-equipped to support military-connected students and their families within their respective roles.

As Ohio completed the first iteration of its **state MIC3 strategic plan**, the State Council has initiated discussions regarding the second. This comprehensive plan, developed from 2020 to 2023, has positioned Ohio as a national leader in supporting military-connected students. The proposed second iteration, scheduled for fall of 2023, will continue to raise awareness, provide training, and implement the MIC3 statute to improve educational outcomes for military-connected youth across the state. This new plan is being led by **Matt Cox** (Big Walnut), **Hayley Young** (National Guard), **Julie Gray** (Kent), **Chad Marzec** (Liberty-Benton).

On March 8, 2022, the Chancellor of the **Ohio Department of Higher Education, Randy Gardner**, introduced the Collegiate Purple Star designation for Ohio colleges and universities. The Ohio MIC3 Team and Council Members actively supported these state-wide efforts, collaborating with the Ohio Department of Higher Education to encourage colleges and universities to apply for this prestigious designation. As a result, a total of **46 Ohio institutions** have been designated as **Collegiate Purple Star** campuses since 2022, solidifying Ohio's commitment to supporting students with military backgrounds throughout their education.

On March 7, 2023, the Ohio Department of Education, alongside Ohio Second Lady Tina Husted, hosted a momentous celebration honoring high school students from across the state who have made a **commitment to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces**. This special event, held at the prestigious National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, brought together high school seniors and juniors who have chosen to enter service academies or embark on active duty, Reserve, or National Guard service. Their dedication and willingness to serve our nation were commended, highlighting their



*High School graduates enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces at the State Signing Day Ceremony, saluting Ohio veterans.*



exceptional contributions to the future of our armed forces.



## The 33,489 reasons each dedicated Council Member serves on behalf of the Ohio MIC3:

**9,835** Ohio Active-Duty Children of the Armed Forces, and  
**23,654** Ohio National Guard and Reserve-Duty Children of the Armed Forces.

*\*31 December 2022, DMDC of the U.S. DSLO*

*The first Purple Star preschool in the nation, Studebaker Preschool in Huber Heights next to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The student gave his MIC3 Uber driver, Commissioner LuPiba, five stars!*



*Presenting to J F Burns Elementary on behalf of the Honorable Mike DeWine, a resolution designating November as Military Family Appreciation Month. Governor DeWine additionally proclaimed across Ohio, April as Month of the Military Child.*



Our Ohio sacred and shared mission for the communities of PreK-12 military continues into the 2023-2024 school year. All the gratitude to this all-volunteer force of nearly 600 Ohioans from Lake Erie to the Ohio River. Team Ohio is Team U.S.A.

## THOMAS D. RUTAN MIC3 STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Pete LuPiba, State Council Chair
- Thomas D Rutan, Commissioner Emeritus (51 Years serving in Public Education)
- William C Merkle, Ohio Army and Air National Guard & State Co-Chair of Rutan Council
- Ashley Twedt, Chief Administrator of Ohio MIC3 Google Site & State Vice-Chair of Rutan Council
- Tammy Puff (U.S. Army Veteran), The Honorable Mike DeWine – Office of the Governor
- Trina Pauley, School Liaison Officer - Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
- Lieutenant Colonel Roberson Hill, 88th Mission Support Group U.S. Air Force
- First Lieutenant Jason D Durell, U.S. Army Medical Brigade Command Columbus
- Chris Picha, Department of Veterans Services
- Kristin Ronai, Ohio High School Athletic Association
- Shari Obrenski, Ohio Federation of Teachers
- Dr Becky Hornberger, Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators
- Tim Freeman, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators
- Tom Perkins, Buckeye Association of School Administrators
- Senator Terry Johnson, Senate
- Senator Vernon Sykes, Senate
- Representative Brian Lampton, House of Representatives
- Minority Leader, Allison Russo, House of Representatives
- 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)
- Dr Kathy McFarland, Ohio School Boards Association
- Chad Wyen, Highly Impacted District Superintendent - Mad River Local
- Jared Shank, Department of Higher Education
- Courtney Tyree, U.S. Army - Education Supports
- Chad Marzec, Association of Purple Star Schools (Liberty-Benton HS Coach)
- Eric Petro, Department of Education – Interim Coordinator of Ohio Troops to Teachers
- Matt Cox, Association of Purple Star Schools (Big Walnut MS Teacher, Former Principal)
- Jenn Davis, Association of Purple Star Schools (Studebaker Preschool Teacher)
- Dr Michelle Lewis, State Historian of Rutan Council
- Jason Scragg, Department of Education - Purple Star Schools & State Secretary of Rutan Council
- Dr Chris Woolard, Interim State Superintendent of Public Instruction



Faithfully submitted on this 30th day of June in the year 2023 on behalf of the Members of the Thomas D Rutan MIC3 State Council in Ohio.

Respectfully authored by Rutan Council Members Ashley Twedt, Jenn Davis, Eric Petro, Michelle Lewis, Chad Marzec, Chad Wyen, Tammy Puff, and Pete LuPiba – on behalf of the Honorable Mike DeWine, 70th Governor of Ohio.

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*Military kids from the Anchored for Life Program at Beverly Gardens Elementary, presenting to the Thomas D. Rutan MIC3 State Council.*



**Oklahoma Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

To: MiC3

From: Dr. Darrell Floyd, Oklahoma Compact Commissioner

Date: 5-24-23

Re: End-of-Year (EOY) Report for 2022-2023

**Oklahoma State Council Roster**

- Senate Member: Senator Adam Pugh
- House Member: Representative Nicole Miller
- Superintendent of a School District with a high concentration of military students: Dr. Rick Cobb, Superintendent of Mid-Del Public Schools (Tinker Air Force Base) and Mr. Kevin Hime, Superintendent of Lawton Public Schools (Fort Sill Army Base)
- State Board of Education Member: (formerly Brian Bobek; but currently vacant)
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction: Ryan Walters
- Compact Commissioner: Dr. Darrell Floyd, Superintendent of Enid Public Schools
- Military Family Liaison: Nicole Painter, School Liaison Program Manager at Vance Air Force Base
- Department of Defense Military Representative: Sybille McKay, School Liaison Officer at Fort Sill (appointed by the Department of Defense)

**Three Points of Contact for Oklahoma**

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Dr. Sam Robinson: CFO/COO at Enid Public Schools

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## **Accomplishments/Activities**

- 1) Continuing the effort to get school districts in the state of Oklahoma to designate the month of April as Purple Up! Month in support of military students.
- 2) Continuing to support the inclusion of the National Guard as a part of MiC3.
- 3) Continuing to support our military students and families to make sure that their school transitions are as smooth as possible (see attached minutes from the
- 4) Participation in the MiC3 Annual Business Meeting.
- 5) Participation as a member of the MiC3 Rules Committee.

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# Oregon End-of-Year Report 2023

First Name: Cindy  
Last Name: Hunt

I am the Compact  
Commissioner for: Oregon

The membership of the  
state's MIC3 council  
consists of the following:  
Chair Guadalupe Martinez Zapata  
Gustavo Morales  
Kimberly Howard Wade  
George Russell  
Shimiko Montgomery  
Vice Chair Jennifer Scurlock  
2nd Vice-Chair Bridgett Wheeler  
Colt Gill, Director Department of Education  
Major Bob Bates

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7362

Accomplishments: The Oregon Department of Education supported Month of the  
Military Child by sending information and resources about MIC3 to  
all Department staff and through other communications channels.

Activities: The State Council met in May.  
The Council received training on roles and responsibilities of the  
council, commissioner and the state at the meeting.  
Cindy Hunt, Commissioner designee, attended the annual MIC3  
meeting and participated in the MIC3 Rules Committee and Tier  
Group 4 Meetings.

Presentations: Cindy Hunt, Commissioner designee, presented to the Interim  
Senate Veteran's Affairs Committee on MIC3.



# Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission PENNSYLVANIA



## 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

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

## STATE COUNCIL

- State Compact Commissioner, Barbara Clemmer
- Secretary of Education, Dr. Khalid N. Mumin
- Governor’s Executive Branch Appointee, Vacant
- Appointee by the Speaker of House, Legislative Representative, Vacant
- Appointee of the Minority Leader of the House, Representative Joe Webster
- Appointee of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Senator Tracy Pennycuick
- Appointee of the Minority Leader of the Senate, Vacant
- Appointee from a Military Impacted School District, Vacant
- Ex-Officio Members: Jacqueline Schultz, School Liaison; Joseph Gordon, School Liaison





## Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission PENNSYLVANIA



### STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

- November 16, 2021, Inaugural Meeting
- March 3, 2022
- July 18, 2023, With extension approval

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Purple Star Schools, Act 69 of 2022, was passed in Pennsylvania in July of 2022.
- Release of updated website and Purple Star Schools toolkit in June 2023, [Supports for Military Connected Students and Families \(pa.gov\)](#).
- HB 1094, Advance Enrollment, passed the House.
- SB 209, National Guard or Reserve (NGR), in process.
- SB 263, Educational Opportunity Accounts for Military Families, in process.
- New email Resource Account for military families – [RA-EDMilitaryFamK12@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EDMilitaryFamK12@pa.gov).
- In process with the Governor's Office work to restore full complement to State Council.

### 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 2022 ABM in Baton Rouge, LA.

### PRIMARY CONTACT

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Compact Commissioner

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## MIC3 Rhode Island State 2022- 2023 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
- Senator Lou DiPalma, RI State Senate
- Colleen Jermain, Superintendent, Newport Public Schools
- Thomas Kenworthy, Superintendent, Portsmouth Public Schools
- Angelica Infante-Green, Commissioner of Education, Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Kenneth Duva, Superintendent, Jamestown Schools
- Jomoya Ridgelle, School Community Specialist

### Meeting Dates

The council met on August 29, 2022.

### Secondary Point of Contact

Kristin Fulmer, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Middletown Public Schools, 26 Oliphant Lane, Middletown, RI 02842, [kfulmer@mpsri.net](mailto:kfulmer@mpsri.net), ph 401.849.2122

### Past Year Highlights

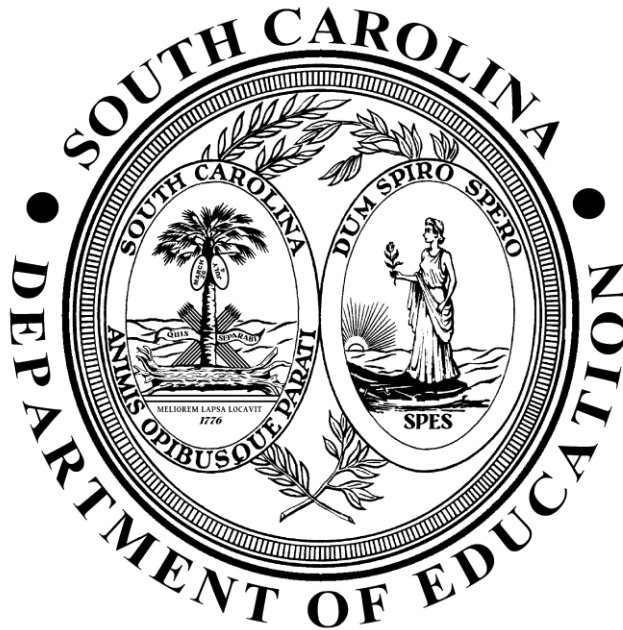
- Our schools celebrated the month of the military child in April 2023 by holding special events, and recognitions for military children and families. In Middletown Schools, we sent a letter home to families recognizing our military that month, which was posted on our website. In addition, the Sakonnet Bridge was lit in purple on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Military families primarily attend the Middletown and Portsmouth school districts. We continue to conduct training on the Compact for districts on 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.
- All concerns/issues are addressed by our school liaison officer Pamela Martin.
- USN Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport, attended the Military Impacted Schools Association meeting on June 26, 2022.
- MIC3 Newsletters are sent to all the RI State Council members.
- Next meeting will be in late August 2023 when our new military families arrive.
- MIC3 information is disseminated to the Portsmouth, Newport, and Jamestown school systems.

Sincerely yours,

  
Rosemarie K. Kraeger  
MIC3 Rhode Island Commissioner

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

**Ellen Weaver**  
*STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION*



2022 -23 Report on South Carolina Council on the  
Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 59-46-40

June 30, 2023

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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**

- Ms. Ellen Weaver, State Superintendent of Education
- Mrs. Nancy Gregory, 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. Priester, SC MIC 3 Council Chair, State Superintendent's Commissioner Designee
- Mrs. Beth Shwedo, Military Family Member
- Mrs. Sara Arnett, Military Family Member
- Ms. Crystal F. Stapleton, State Board of SC Chair, Ex-Officio Member
- Dr. David O'Shields, State Board of SC- Chair Elect, Ex-Officio Member
- Mr. George Patrick, Military Installation Representative

## SC MIC3 Council Summary

- South Carolina State Council Meetings was held May 25, 2023. This was our first in-person meeting since COVID.
- The purpose was to inform council members of possible courses of actions for input/vote by the commissioner, and bring awareness to members, as well as discuss the council's desire to pursue adding NGR support to the SC state compact without violating language changes to the compact. SC council will use Arkansas as a sample moving forward, along with other states who have completed this process.
- During the May 25, 2023 meeting, Dr. Priester provided updates to the council members from the MIC3 Annual Business meeting held in November 2022 in Baton Rouge. Dr. Priester also provided an update on the social, emotional, and academic supports being provided to military families in collaboration with district military liaisons. Dr. Priester announced that currently SC has 11 Purple Star designated districts. It is understood that Purple Star is not an entity of MIC3 on the national level, SC utilizes the training of the compact as a requirement for becoming a Purple Star designated district in SC.
- The South Carolina Department of Education sponsored the *2023 Military Honor Cord Ceremony* for high school seniors who had enlisted into the uniformed services. The ceremony was held in-person on May 17, 2023 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Students were provided red, white, and blue military cords to wear during their respective high school graduation ceremonies.
- On April 5, 2023, Governor Henry McMaster proclaimed April as South Carolina's Month of the Military Child. After the proclamation, Dr. Kim Priester identified a total of 11 Purple Star districts in South Carolina: Charleston County School District, Berkeley 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, and Dorchester 2.
- Dr. Priester was honored to be awarded the military proclamation for SC on April 5, 2023 from Gov. McMaster.
- Dr. Priester then provided an overview and 2023 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 base installation student liaison officers and district military liaisons, and MIC3 national team will be planning fall and spring trainings for 101 and 201 sessions on installations for soldiers and military families.
- SC council will be working to create a state MIC3 brochure for use along with the information the national MIC3 office provides.

## Areas of Focus for the State Council

- Increase awareness of SC's newly passed and signed bill H3797 Military Temporary Enrollment <https://scdva.sc.gov/news/2023-06/military-families-now-benefitting-remote-school-enrollment-law-signed-governor>
- 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 2023 End-of-Year Report

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: Ann Pettit  
Fran Apland  
Tiffany Sanderson  
Dr. Joseph Graves  
Col Patrice Holmes, USAF  
Nancy York  
Jonathan Nesladek  
Daniel Swartos  
Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are: Ann Pettit  
Fran Apland  
Accomplishments: The State Council supported Month of the Military Child with activities in the state and cities through attendance at military events.  
Activities: The State Council met in October prior to the Annual Business Meeting to discuss compact topics.  
Training on the Interstate Compact took place three times this past year.  
- School personnel from highly impacted areas were invited to the training held in November.  
- Military families were invited to attend the training held in November.  
- School Superintendents from the region were invited to the training held in November.  
Presentations: N/A

# Tennessee MIC3 2023 Annual Report

June 27, 2023



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

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## 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

COL Andrew Jordan, Garrison Commander, Fort Campbell, Kentucky (Army)

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

1. **Deanna McLaughlin, MIC3 Tennessee Commissioner & State Council Chairman**, City Councilman, Clarksville, Tennessee
2. **James Bo Griffin, MIC3 State Council Vice-Chairman**, Director of Schools, Millington Municipal Schools, Millington, Tennessee
3. **Nathan James, MIC3 State Council Secretary**, Deputy Executive Director for Legislative and External Affairs, Tennessee State Board of Education, Nashville, Tennessee
4. **Deborah Munis, MIC3 Tennessee Military Family Education Liaison & Purple Star School Award Program Coordinator**, Dunlop, Tennessee
5. **MG Tommy Baker (USA Ret)**, Commissioner of Veteran Services, Tennessee Department of Veteran Services
6. **Senator, Richard Briggs**, Tennessee State Senator, Legislative Branch Representative
7. **Dr. John Combs**, Superintendent, Tipton County Schools, Covington, Tennessee
8. **Mike Craig**, Director of Schools, Stewart County Schools, Dover, Tennessee\*
9. **Michaela Gregory**, Tennessee Lead Child & Youth Program Coordinator, Tennessee Army National Guard, Nashville, Tennessee
10. **Christy Carroll Highfill**, Tennessee PTA State and Federal Legislative Chair, Tennessee Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

11. **Dr. Ted Horrell**, Superintendent, Lakeland School System, Lakeland, Tennessee
12. **COL Andrew Jordan**, Garrison Commander, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
13. **Jean Luna-Vedder**, Director of Schools, Clarksville-Montgomery County
14. **Jeff Mayo**, Director of Schools, Arlington City Schools, Arlington, Tennessee
15. **Michael Mosbrugger**, USN Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Mid-South, Millington, Tennessee
16. **Karissa Poe**, Tennessee Chapter Director, Blue Star Families, Clarksville, Tennessee\*
17. **Mark Reeves**, Executive Director, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, Nashville, Tennessee
18. **Joey Vap**, Integrated Prevention Specialist, Arnold Air Force Base, Tullahoma, Tennessee\*

\* New Council Member since 2022 Annual Report

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## School Liaison Officers Currently Serving Tennessee



### **Jennifer Lundy, Navy, NSA Mid South, Millington, Tennessee**

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## 2022/2023 Accomplishments/Information

- Tennessee Commissioner was appointed to serve her fourth term as Tennessee's representative to the Military Interstate Children's Compact
- Tennessee Commissioner is a new member of the National MIC3 Finance Committee
- Tennessee Purple Star School Award Celebrated our Fourth Year
- Resolved 100% of the **Compact-related** cases that were brought to our attention for the school year 2022/2023 and provided recommendations for where people could seek solutions for non-compact-related issues.
- Sent Compact Information email to all members of the Tennessee Directors of Schools and Superintendents in July 2022 to remind them of the protections of the Compact for Military Children in advance of the new school year
- Sent Tennessee Purple Star School Award email to all members of the Tennessee Directors of Schools and Superintendents in September 2022 to make them aware of the 2023 application process and deadlines
- Sent Month of the Military Child emails to Tennessee Directors of Schools and Superintendents, government and elected officials, and military service organizations with information about MOMC and how they could show their support for Tennessee's Military Kids
- During Fort Campbell's tragic Blackhawk helicopter training tragedy that killed nine soldiers, put Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) Military Liaison COL Davina French (Ret) in touch with 101 Combat Aviation Brigade Commander to offer assistance to the families of the fallen
- Added State Council Member from the Tennessee Blue Star Families organization
- Added State Council Member who is the Director of Schools for Stewart County Schools
- Worked to get legislation passed that provides
- Establishing new relationships with staff of Shelby County Schools

## Tennessee MIC3 Dues Paid to National MIC3

FISCAL YEAR	ARMY	NAVY	MARINES	AIR FORCE	COAST GUARD	TOTAL	ANNUAL DUES	USPHS	NOAA
<b>FY2020</b>	8,822	1,723	246	588	164	<b>11,568</b>	<b>\$13,303</b>	25	0
<b>FY2021</b>	8,516	1,743	262	618	166	<b>11,305</b>	<b>\$13,001</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>FY2022</b>	8,416	1,811	231	603	144	<b>11,220</b>	<b>\$12,903</b>	15	0
<b>FY2023</b>	8,818	1,859	270	607	144	<b>11,713</b>	<b>\$13,469</b>	15	0

## Impact Aid Grant System Dollars Paid to Tennessee Schools

### Amount Paid by Tennessee School System

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY	2021	2022	2023
<b>Arlington Community Schools</b>	\$24,499.00	\$25,497.00	\$9,551.00
<b>Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education</b>	\$88,5324.00	\$92,436.00	\$52,4630.00
<b>Etowah City Schools</b>	\$3,518.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Fayetteville City Schools</b>	\$2,053.00	\$2,147.00	\$1,216.00
<b>Hamilton County Department of Education</b>	\$17,043.00	\$17,829.00	\$10,088.00
<b>Lakeland School System</b>	\$10,108.00	\$10,233.00	\$5,735.00
<b>McKenzie Special School District</b>	\$2,177.00	\$2,275.00	\$1,040.00
<b>Metro Nashville Public Schools</b>	\$23,842.00	\$21,873.00	\$0.00
<b>Millington Municipal Schools</b>	\$38,150.00	\$81307.00	\$36,028.0

<b>Oak Ridge Schools</b>	\$52,484.00	\$33,853.00	\$0.00
<b>Union City Schools</b>	\$2,717.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

★ This report is based on the ED Impact Aid Grant System report. <https://impactaid.ed.gov/>



## Tennessee Military-Connected Stats

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY	DISTRICT ENROLLMENT	TOTAL MILITARY STUDENTS	PERCENT MILITARY STUDENTS
Arlington Community Schools	4,687	347	7.40
Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education	36,566	5,594	15.30
Fayetteville City Schools	1,413	6	0.42
Hamilton County Department of Education	44,165	18	0.04
Lakeland School System	1,824	121	6.63
Millington Municipal Schools	2,483	174	7.00
Oak Ridge Schools	4,390	66	1.50
Stewart County Board of Education	1,908	39	2.00
This report is based on the ED Impact Aid System Military Membership report.	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,205</b>	

## 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 Schools	2,526	121	4.79
Oak Ridge Schools	4,461	74	1.66
Stewart Co. Board of Education	2,048	53	2.59
<b>This data is based on the ED IMPact Aid System Military Membership Report</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,339</b>	

## Tennessee Military-Connected Children Stats

### Number of Military Children by Service Branch

Service Branch	TOTAL MILITARY STUDENTS
Air Force	560
Army	8,203
Coast Guard	119
Marine Corps	203
Navy	1,691
Space Force	8
<b>All Active Duty Children</b>	<b>10,784</b>
<b>All Tennessee Guard &amp; Reserve Children</b>	<b>14,670</b>

★ Data is from the DMDC database, current as of January 2022

## National Guard & Reserve Compact Related Legislation

- ★ During our 2022 State Council Meeting, the Tennessee MIC3 State Council voted unanimously to include **ALL** Guard and Reserve Children under the protections of the Compact as a stand-alone piece of legislation (outside of the original Compact TCA 49-12-301 legislation) *WITHOUT A DUES NATIONAL MIC3 DUES INCREASE*
- ★ TN-MIC3 Commission Deanna McLaughlin worked with Nathan James, Director of Legislative Affairs, Tennessee State Board of Education to develop Tennessee Bill language
- ★ Nathan James obtained Montgomery County, Tennessee Senator Bill Powers and Anderson County, Tennessee Representative John Ragan as sponsors for the Bill



### State of Tennessee

#### PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 257

#### SENATE BILL NO. 317

By Powers, Lowe

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1416

By Ragan, Raper, Fritts, Butler, Todd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to military children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

This state, and each school district and public school of this state, shall remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves of their parents by extending the benefits and opportunities provided to children of active duty members of the uniformed services in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, codified in § 49-12-301, to school-aged children in the household of a member of any reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including members of the Tennessee army and air national guard, who are enrolled in any of the grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

SENATE BILL NO. 317

PASSED: April 17, 2023

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR

### SB0317 (Sen. Powers)/HB1416 (Rep. Ragan) - Education

Education - As introduced, extends the benefits and opportunities provided to children of active duty members of the uniformed services in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to school-aged children in the household of a member of any reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, including members of the Tennessee army and air national guard who are enrolled in any of the grades kindergarten through 12. - Amends TCA Title 49.

TCA 49-6-3 WAS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR BILL LEE ON APRIL 28, 2023

# Annual Tennessee State Council Meeting

Monday, March 27, 2023

4:00 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. Jean Luna-Vedder, Director of Schools, Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools
6. Introduction of School Liaison Officers – Deanna McLaughlin
  - a. Jennifer Lundy, NSA Midsouth
  - b. Laquevia Garrett, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
  - c. Karen Watkins-Diouf, 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 - Vacant
  - c. Current State Council Secretary - Nathan James
9. Purple Star Schools Award Update – Deb Munis
  - a. Vote to Approve 2023 Applications
  - b. Reapplying Applicant Schools
  - c. First-Time Applicant Schools
10. MIC3 Tennessee Training Update – Deb Munis
11. Review of 2022/2023 Tennessee Hot Issues – Deanna McLaughlin
12. Tennessee Military-Connected Children Stats – Deanna McLaughlin
13. National Guard and Reserve Legislation – 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

<https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/sbe/meetings/meetings-calendar/2023/3/27/march-27--2023-mic3-annual-tennessee-state-council-webex-meeting.html>



## Tennessee Purple Star School Award 2023

Established in 2019, the Tennessee Purple Star Schools Award Program currently has 38 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 Activity. All schools that earn the Purple Star School Award maintain the status for two years.

MIC3 Tennessee FMEL Deb Munis, MIC3 Tennessee State Council Secretary Nathan James, and Tennessee MIC3 Commissioner Deanna McLaughlin crisscrossed the state to present much-deserved Purple Star School Awards (PSSA) to the 28 winning schools.

Tennessee PSSA is helping to educate educators and families about the Compact.

### 2023 Award Class (28 Schools)

#### Renewing Applicant Schools

- ★ Glenellen Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ Hazelwood Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ Kenwood Middle School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ Lakeland Elementary School, Lakeland, Tennessee
- ★ Lakeland Preparatory School, Lakeland, Tennessee
- ★ Millington Middle/High School, Millington, Tennessee
- ★ Oakland Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ West Creek Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ West Creek High School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ West Creek Middle School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ Woodlawn Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee

#### First-Time Applicant Schools

- ★ Arlington Elementary School, Arlington, Tennessee
- ★ Arlington Middle School, Arlington, Tennessee
- ★ Arlington High School, Arlington, Tennessee
- ★ Carpenter Middle School, Maryville, Tennessee
- ★ Cumberland County High School, Crossville, Tennessee
- ★ Donelson Elementary School, Arlington, Tennessee
- ★ Dover Elementary School, Dover, Tennessee

- ★ Ellen Myers Primary School, Harrogate, Tennessee
- ★ Kirkwood Middle School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ North Stewart Elementary School, Big Rock, Tennessee
- ★ Pisgah Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ Robert E. Lee Elementary School, Tullahoma, Tennessee
- ★ Sango Elementary School, Clarksville, Tennessee
- ★ Stone Memorial High School, Crossville, Tennessee
- ★ Stewart County High School, Dover, Tennessee
- ★ Stewart County Middle, Dover, Tennessee
- ★ White County High School, Sparta, Tennessee

**Blount Co. middle school honored for fighting for those who fight for us (WVLT \* News Channel Story)**

[Carpenters Middle School in Blount County received Tennessee Purple Star School Award](#)



**Millington Central High School PSSA Award Ceremony**



**Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools PSSA Award Ceremony**



**Stewart County Schools PSSA Award Ceremony**



**Cumberland County High School Schools PSSA Award Ceremony**



**White County High School Schools PSSA Award Ceremony**



**Robert E Lee Elementary School PSSA Award Ceremony**





**Ellen Myers Primary School PSSA Award Ceremony**



**Arlington Community Schools PSSA Award Ceremony**



**Lakeland Schools PSSA Award Ceremony**

# 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 U.S. 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 14, 2023 as "Purple Up! For Military Kids Day" and the month of April 2023 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 third day of April, 2023.

*Bill Lee*

Governor

*Joe Dargatzis*

Secretary of State

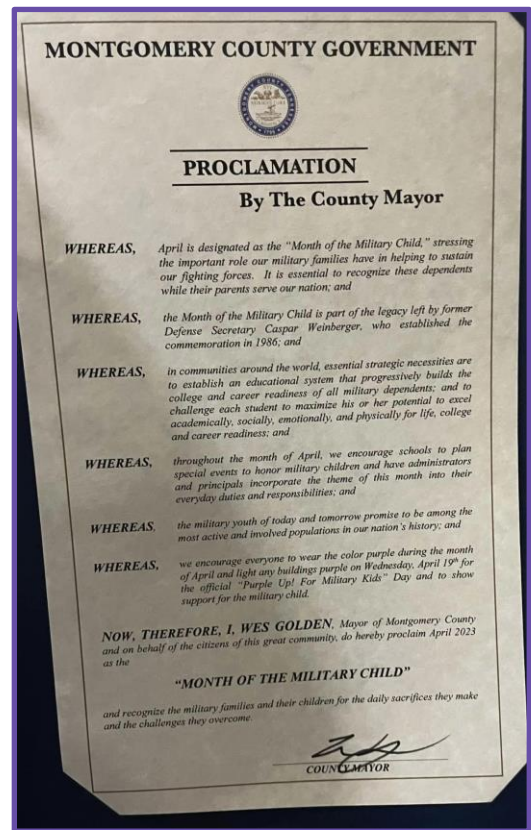


**Members of the Tennessee State Senate Purple Up! During their Legislative Session**  
 (Pictured are Tennessee Senators Lowe, Gardenhire, Taylor, Walley, Powers, White, Stevens, Yager, and Hensley)

**Senator Bill Powers also spoke on the Senate floor about the Month of the Military Child**



**Montgomery County, Tennessee Proclamation**  
 Fort Campbell Garrison Commander Andrew Jordan, Mrs. Jordan, MWR's Mark Ryales, and School Liaison Officers Laquvia Garrett, and Karen Watkins-Diouf attended the Montgomery County, Tennessee Commission Meeting to receive a Month of the Military Child Proclamation from County Mayor Wes Golden.





**Montgomery County Mayor, Wes Golden and his staff on MoCo (Montgomery County, Tennessee) employees show their love to our military kids on Purple Up Day!💜**



**City of Clarksville, TN Government Mayor Joe Pitts, and his employees celebrated #MonthoftheMilitaryChild by sponsoring a special dress-up week for city employees! sports jersey day, patriotic day, hat day, #purpleupformilitarykids day! #tennesseelovesmilitarykids #tnmic3 #purpleup4militarykids #clarksvilletn #momc #MIC3Compact**

**PATRIOTIC DAY:** In the Executive Session on Thursday afternoon, April 27, the Clarksville City Council observed Patriotic Day, the fourth of five consecutive daily observances in the Month of the Military Child Spirit Week. It was a day for wearing red, white, and blue to honor the children of parents serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and the sacrifices they, too, make in service to our nation.



### City of Clarksville, Tennessee Proclamation

Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer Karen Watkins-Diouf, MWR's Mark Ryales, Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer Laquvia Garrett, Garrison CSM Chad Stackpole, Leaders, and students from Fort Campbell Teen Center, attended the City of Clarksville, Tennessee City Council Meeting to receive a Month of the Military Child Proclamation from Clarksville Mayor Joe Pitts.



### Clarksville-Montgomery County School System

Purple Up Day in support of our military-connected students! 💜

All month long, schools have celebrated our military families in different ways.

- Military units brought static displays to Pisgah Elementary School and West Creek Middle School.
- Kenwood Elementary hosted a luncheon for their military families, while Rossvie High Hawks had donuts and gifts from the Gary Sinise Foundation.
- Kenwood Middle School took a group of students to the Don F. Pratt Military Museum to learn more about the history of our Fort Campbell soldiers.
- Faculty and staff have been showing off their purple shirts - check out the team at Rossvie Middle School.



### **Tennessee National Guard Child and Youth Program**

Happy PURPLE UP Day to ALL Military Dependents! We see you and recognize you! Thank you to each and every one of you for the service and sacrifice you make, because Military Kids Serve Too!



### **Arlington Community Schools**

ACS went Purple Up! for the Month of the Military Child! Purple Up! Day recognizes some of the military's most unsung heroes - their children. All throughout ACS today, people were decked out in purple to show their support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. #ACSproud



**Ellen Myers Primary School MOMC Purple Up Day**

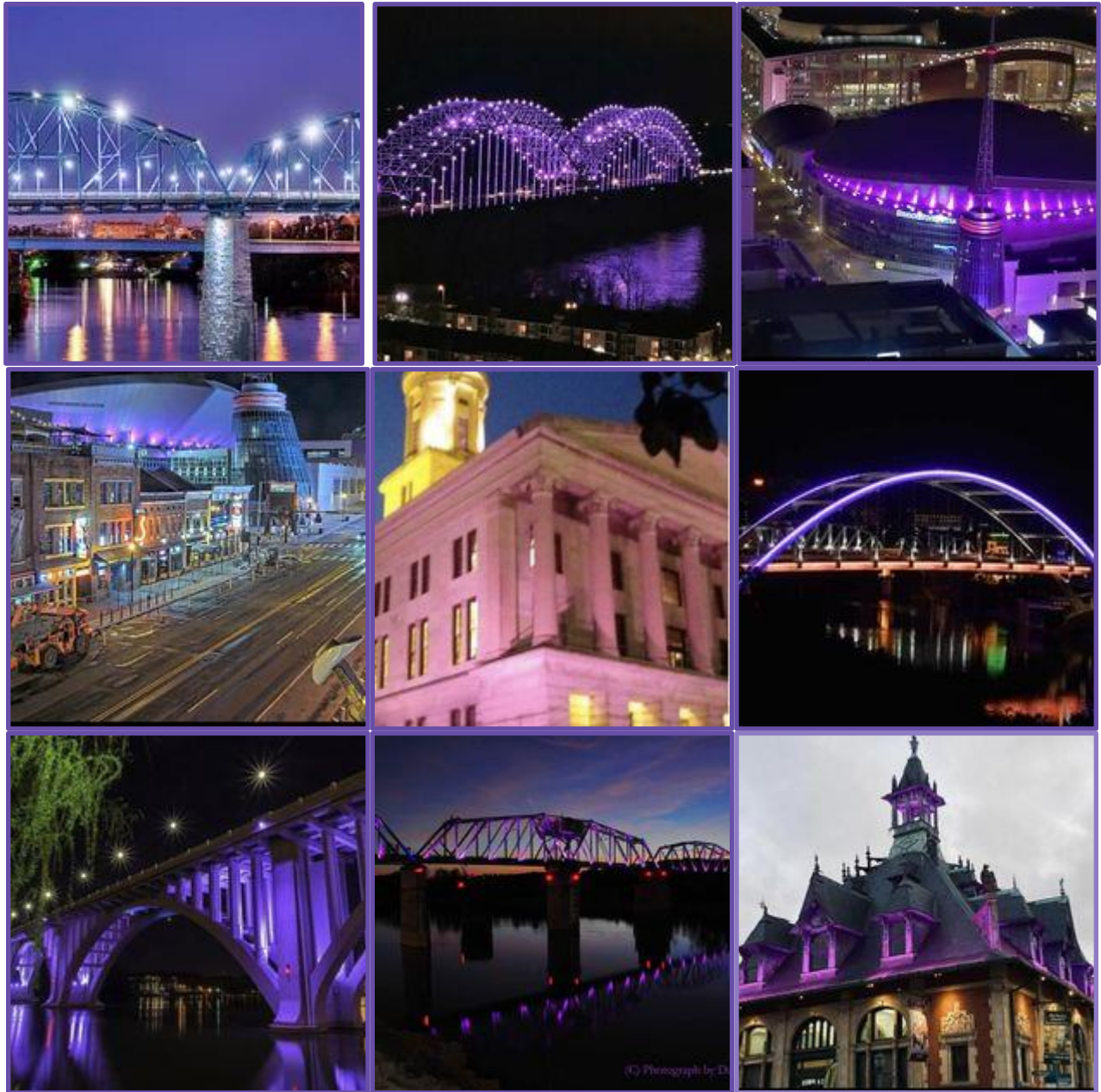


**Collierville High School MOMC Purple Up Day**



**Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic, Clarksville, Tennessee**





**Bridges and Buildings in Tennessee's Five Largest Cities Purpled Up For Military Kids**

(Chattanooga's Walnut Street Bridge, Memphis's Hernando DeSoto Bridge, Nashville's Bridgestone Arena, Nashville's War Memorial Building, Nashville's Korean War Memorial Bridge, Knoxville's Henley Bridge, Clarksville-Montgomery County's RJ Corman Bridge, Clarksville's Customs House Museum & Cultural Center)

## Customs House Museum & Cultural Center

The First Ever Military Kid Art Show with the USO and the Customs House Museum & Cultural Center in Clarksville Tennessee! Over **130 pieces of art were exhibited** and we got to see lots of happy military kiddos see their art hanging in a museum!



**2023 Tennessee MIC3 Annual Report Submitted to MIC3 National Staff and Leadership by Deanna McLaughlin, Tennessee Commissioner, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) on June 27, 2023.**

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Fort Campbell & Naval Support Activity Mid-South SLOs

**MIC3 End-of-Year Report**

**2022-2023**

The 2022-2023 membership of the Texas State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children consisted of the following:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Role</b>
Dr. Jimmy Bowser, Highly Mobile State Coordinator, Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Family Liaison Representative
Dr. John Craft Superintendent, NISD San Antonio, Texas	Superintendent representative of a school district with a high concentration of military children (now super for Northside ISD, San Antonio)
Lina De La Cruz	Parent Representative
Dr. Joseph Glenn	Chair of House of Representatives Committee on Public Education, Designee
Simone Hendricks School Liaison Officer Fort Bliss El Paso, Texas	Military Representative, Army
CAPT John Mark McLean Naval Air Station Fort Worth	Military Representative, Navy
Shelly Ramos Senior Director, Curriculum Standards and Student Support, Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Texas Commissioner Designee Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission
Dr. Burnie Roper Superintendent, Lackland ISD San Antonio, Texas	Superintendent Representative, Military School District

<p>Kathy Smith Assistant Veterans County Services Officer Conroe, Texas</p>	<p>Chair of Senate Committee on Education, Designee</p>
<p>Lani Webster Central High School, San Angelo ISD San Angelo, Texas</p>	<p>School Counselor Representative</p>
<p>Madison Yandell Budget and Policy Advisor Office of the Governor of Texas</p>	<p>Governor Greg Abbott, Designee</p>

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

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**Accomplishments:**

1. Texas convened for the first time the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The State Advisory Council met four times in 2022-2023.
2. The State Advisory Council launched its website, <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/other-services/state-advisory-council-on-educational-opportunity-for-military-children>.
3. Members of the State Advisory Council completed the MIC3 Compact 101 training. TEA staff attended MIC3 Compact 101 and 201 trainings.
4. The State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children selected Dr. Jimmy Bowser to serve as the family liaison role on the council. Dr. Bowser serves as TEA’s Highly Mobile Student State Coordinator.
5. Dr. Bowser promoted celebration and recognition of Military Family Appreciation Month (November) and Month of the Military Child (April) at TEA and to local education agencies, educational service centers, and military installation stakeholders across the state.

6. Dr. Bowser created a voluntary educational service center Military Champion program to strengthen support for military-connected students at educational service centers across the state.

**Activities:**

1. The State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children met four times:  
October 17, 2022  
January 23, 2023  
April 24, 2023  
July 17, 2023
2. Military compact commissioner designee, Shelly Ramos, met with El Paso Area Directors of Guidance (EPADOG) (Fort Bliss area), Killeen ISD and Region 12 (Fort Cavazos area), and Region 15 (Goodfellow AFB area) to discuss opportunities for military compact training for school staff and scheduled trainings for
  - a. July 11 – Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) parent support webinar
  - b. July 26 – Region 15 Military Compact counselor training
  - c. August 24 - El Paso Area Directors of Guidance Military Compact counselor training
  - d. August 24 - El Paso Area Directors of Guidance Military Compact counselor training
  - e. August 24 – Region 12 Military Compact counselor training
3. Dr. Bowser attended two Month of the Military Child celebrations in Northeast ISD, San Antonio
4. Dr. Bowser attended the Killeen ISD Military Liaison meeting on January 17, 2023.
5. Dr. Bowser attended the Fort Hood Education Summit 2023 held on February 3, 2023
6. Dr. Bowser spoke at the Houston ISD and City of Houston inaugural annual Military-Connected Family Resource Fair held on April 29, 2023
7. Dr. Bowser promoted the MIC3 Compact 101 Training in quarterly military-connected student newsletters.

**Presentations:**

1. Ms. Ramos presented an overview of the military compact at the Military School Liaison Meeting on March 29, 2023.
2. TEA staff presented on the Military Compact at the Texas School Counselors Association, Annual Professional School Counselors Conference on February 13, 2023.
3. Ms. Ramos presented on the Interstate Compact to 400+ military-connected students and stakeholders across the state. The presentation was conducted as part of the Highly-Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Division military-connected students quarterly webinar series.

5. Dr. Bowser presented to Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath and the educational service center executive directors on strengthening support for military-connected students on April 21, 2023.
6. Dr. Bowser presented to educational service center deputy directors on strengthening support for military-connected students on May 10, 2023.

# Utah 2023 End-of-Year Report

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: No change from website.

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Compact in my state  
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Accomplishments: Utah continues to advocate for military families and approved 19 new purple star schools. Utah was the first state to adopt the new teacher licensure compact, which also benefits military families.

Activities: The state council met on April 12, 2023.

Presentations: N/A



# Virginia 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: Dan  
Last Name: Dunham

I am the Compact  
Commissioner for: Virginia

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

## STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Virginia  
Department of Education, Compact Commissioner  
Rear Admiral Christopher Gray, Commander Navy Mid-Atlantic,  
United States Navy, Military Representative Member  
Honorable Senator Mamie E. Locke, Virginia State Senate  
Representative  
Honorable Delegate Anne Ferrell H. Tata, Representative from the  
Virginia House  
Dr. Victor Shandor, Superintendent, York County Schools, Member  
representing a highly impacted school division  
Michelle Norman, Military Spouse Member of Virginia Department of  
Education Military Student Support Process Action Team (MSSPAT),  
Executive Director and Founder of Partners in PROMISE  
Tian Olson, Parent Member, Education Advocate, Attorney, McClean  
Raul Vargas, Citizen Member, President of VARCom Solutions;  
Founder, CEO, Chairman of American Latino Veterans Association,  
Fairfax.  
Shawnee Edwards-Zollar, Citizen member  
Daniel Dunham, Council Coordinator and Commissioner Designee

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Compact in my state  
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Dr. Samantha Hollins, Assistant Superintendent, Department of  
Special Education and Student Services, Phone: 804-786-8079

Accomplishments: The Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact for the Educational  
Opportunities of Military Children did not hold a meeting during 2023.  
The change in State administration and challenges that occurred with  
the Governor appointments prevented our meeting to occur. That  
said the Virginia Department of Education and the State  
Commissioner Designee, Mr. Dan Dunham was able to stay the course

in providing support to military parents, schools and military school liaison officers and exceptional family member program coordinators.

Activities:

The VDOE Military Student and Families Specialist is in regular communication with the SLOs and EFMPs via email, phone, and at trainings. These regular communications serve as opportunities to discuss issues with implementation of the Interstate Compact, share updated resources, and link families to local and state supports that often times fall outside the scope of the Compact.

The VDOE, on behalf of the Virginia Council, has developed and maintains webpages dedicated to the Military Compact (<https://www.doe.virginia.gov/programs-services/student-services/military-families>), with resources for military families and educators. The site features guidance documents to help school divisions interpret key provisions of the Compact, including printable brochures and guides. The resource pages contain links to pertinent Virginia laws related to the education of military children, as well as contact information for military school liaisons officers. The website highlights best practices of school divisions to assist military-connected children, provides training materials, and contains links to numerous military-affiliated support organizations. The Department has also maintained a webpage dedicated to the Virginia Council that includes the Council's meeting schedule, agendas, and minutes from previous meetings and presentations given at Council meetings.

With resources provided by the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3), VDOE, on behalf of the Virginia Council, has distributed guidance documents to school liaison officers and school divisions that can be used in trainings for school division staff and in meetings with military families. The resources include:

Guidance for Military Families with Students in Special Education, a 16-page document provides information and answers to questions that military families with school-aged children might have about special education programs in Virginia public schools. Topics include enrollment, special education services, parental consent in Virginia, Section 504, dispute resolution, and procedural safeguards. This document was updated in March 2020.

Desk Reference for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children: Compact Rules, is shared with

school liaison officers as they work with educators in implementing the provisions of the Interstate Compact; and

Guide for Parents, School Officials and Public Administrators, provides information to families, military leaders, and educators about the Interstate Compact

VDOE Modules:

Supporting Our Military–Connected Children in School Settings: Moving them from Risk to Resilience Module 1 and Module 2, provides school staff online professional development on the unique needs of military connected students and their families

New in 2022, Building Awareness of the Social Emotional Impacts of Military Family Transitions, provides school staff online professional development on the stressors that military families face routinely and provides clarity on how best to support these families during periods of heightened stress.

In November, VDOE announced that one hundred and eighty-nine schools across Virginia were honored with Purple Star Designation. To qualify for a Purple Star in Virginia, schools must have a staff point of contact (POC) for military students and families. The POC serves as the primary link between the military family and the school. In addition, schools must meet four measures that help to build awareness within the school community and foster peer transition support.

One hundred and one of the one hundred and eighty-nine schools honored this year were second time recipients of the distinction. This is the fifth year the VDOE has designated Purple Star schools. Since 2018, the VDOE and The Council on the Interstate Compact on the Educational Opportunity of Military Children have selected three hundred twenty-eight schools across Virginia for the award of which one hundred and ninety-two have been twice honored.

According to the Military Identifier End of year Count SY 2021-2022 there were military 81,224 connected students in 132 of the 134 school divisions. The Virginia Council and the Virginia Department of Education will continue encouraging school divisions to identify and reach out to the military-connected students in their schools.

The VDOE Military Student and Families Specialist as Commissioner Designee attended the 2022 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) of the

Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunities for Military Children as Virginia’s Commissioner’s designee. The ABM provided valuable opportunities for the VDOE Military Student and Families Specialist to dialogue with other state commissioners / designees about the implementation of the Interstate Compact and on best practices for navigating challenging issues. During the meeting, Commissioners learned of the need to revise the Compact language. Currently, there is an incorrect citation in the model language of the Compact in Article II(A) and in Article III(A)(1), both of which refer to “members of the National Guard and Reserve on active-duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Section 1209 and 1211.” (emphasis added). These provisions should both cite instead to 10 U.S.C. Chapter 1209 and 1211. This is a scrivener’s (i.e. technical) error in a section of the Compact which controls its coverage area, and as such it is best practice that the citation error should be corrected in each impacted state. VDOE included the need to correct this technical error in Virginia Code in their submission of the Governor’s working papers.

#### Conclusion

The VDOE and Virginia Military Families Specialist continued to provide support and technical assistance to both individual families and schools during 2022.

The network that encompasses the Military Student Support Process Action Team (MSSPAT), SLO’s and EFMP’s continue to be impactful. These partners routinely help to review Purple Star applications, conducting trainings and providing expertise for support improvements to students, parents and schools.

In nearly every community in Virginia, there are children with parents or guardians on active duty, Reserves, National Guard, NOAA or USPHS. While their parents honorably serve our nation and our Commonwealth, we should recognize the contributions of military-connect students and celebrate their spirit. To this end, the VDOE is honored to support the transitional needs of military connected students and their families.

#### Presentations:

##### Trainings

The VDOE, on behalf of the Virginia Council, has provided training on the Compact and the Virginia Council to thousands of educators, military families, and other interested stakeholders since its creation in 2009. The SLOs throughout Virginia frequently provide training on

the Interstate Compact to educators in their region as well. In 2022, The Virginia Military Student and Families Specialist attended and presented at number of these training endeavors. These included:

Prince George County Public Schools: Interstate Compact Overview and State Laws supporting military connected students May 4, 2022

PEATC MILCON: VDOE Staff presented on the Unique needs of Military Connected Children and Purple star School programming. May 8-9, 2022

VDOE's Department of Special Education's Office of Family Engagement continued its work to provide exceptional trainings to school personnel and military families. In May this office and VDOE Military Student and Families Specialist partnered to provide a Military Families Symposium for military families with students in special education. This in person symposium provided attendees with an opportunity to learn more about state level support, self-advocacy, Due Process, the I'm Determined program, Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (PEATC) and Virginia Commonwealth University's Center for Parent Involvement.

A number of SLO's and EFMP's attended the Connect for Success Conference in September. The VDOE's office of Family Engagement provides this professional development opportunity to those who work in Parent Resource Centers. This opportunity helped to foster collaboration between the school divisions and military partners.

The Family Engagement Network formed a military student and family sub-committee in 2022. This body will investigate the building of resources and programs aimed at strengthening support for military families in the care of students with special needs.

The Military Student and Families Specialist was a panelist at the Military Child Education Coalition Conference held in Washington D.C. in July. He was and others leading the way for Purple Star programming in Ohio, Texas and South Carolina spoke to the value that Purple Star has had on student wellbeing and school climate.

## **MIC3 Washington State 2022-2023 End-of-Year Report**

### **State Council Members**

Gregory J. Lynch, Council Chair  
COL Phillip Lamb, USA, Garrison Commander, Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM)  
Dr. Aaron Leavell, Superintendent, Olympic Educational Service District 114  
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 WA council met on October 11, 2022. The minutes were provided to the MIC3 National Office and are posted on the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) [webpage](#). The next state meeting is scheduled for Oct 24, 2023.

### **Secondary Point of Contact**

Dixie Grunenfelder; [dixie.grunenfelder@k12.wa.us](mailto:dixie.grunenfelder@k12.wa.us), ph 360.725.0415  
Director, K12 Education Supports  
Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)  
PO Box 47200  
Olympia, WA, 98504

### **Past Year Highlights**

- Hosted a MIC3 State Council meeting in Oct including Cherise Imai, MIC3 Executive Director and other special guests including the Commander Navy Region NW Admiral Sucato.
- Conducted MIC3 training for school leaders to include a regional presentation in conjunction with the MIC3 national HQs for WA school district administrators in eastern WA.
- Participated in a JBLM hosted military-educator leader event that included the I Corps Commander, LTG Brunson, and K-12 superintendents in August 2022.
- Coordinated a MIC3 statutory change with the WA legislature involving the National Guard.
- In conjunction with two fellow Commissioners provided a "Past, Present and Future" training/presentation to all MIC3 Commissioners in the US during the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting.
- Engaged Superintendents inside/outside WA and fellow MIC3 State Commissioner to resolve a number of MIC3 compliance issues.

Respectfully Submitted By,  
Greg Lynch  
MIC3 Washington State Commissioner

## West Virginia End of Year Summary (FY 2023)

### State Council Membership Roster:

#### **Compact Commissioner**

Mr. Phillip Cantrell, West Virginia National Guard

#### **Chief State School Officer**

Mr. David Roach, State Superintendent, West Virginia Department of Education

#### **Military Family Education Liaison**

Mr. Robert Mellace, Coordinator, West Virginia Department of Education

#### **State Council Members**

- Mr. Phillip Cantrell, West Virginia National Guard
- Mr. David Roach, State Superintendent, West Virginia Department of Education
- Mr. Ryan Saxe, Superintendent, Cabell County Schools
- Mr. Ryan Weld, West Virginia Senate
- Mr. Bill Anderson, West Virginia House of Delegates
- Mr. Edward Diaz, Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance
- CPT Brittany Watson, State Family Programs Director, West Virginia National Guard
- Mr. Robert Mellace, Coordinator, West Virginia Department of Education

### Military/DOD Representative:

Mr. Chris Hendrix, NRMA Regional School Liaison

### The FY 2022 meeting of the State Council occurred on 1/17/2023 and included the following participants:

Phillip Cantrell (State Council Member)  
David Roach (State Council Member)  
Brittany Watson (State Council Member)  
Ryan Saxe (State Council Member)– via TEAMS  
Chris Hendrix (DOD Representative)– via TEAMS  
Robert Mellace (State Council Member)  
Electa Crowder (not a State Council Member)

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

**Compact Commissioner**

Phillip R. Cantrell

State Director West Virginia Mountaineer Challenge Program

Intergovernmental and External Affairs Liaison

WVNG Adjutant General Office

Joint Force Headquarters-WV

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Charleston, WV 25311

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AND

**Military Family Education Liaison**

Mr. Robert P. Mellace III

West Virginia Department of Education

Office of Educator Development and Support Services

Coordinator and Military Family Education Liaison

1-304-558-3119

[rmellace@k12.wv.us](mailto:rmellace@k12.wv.us)

**Summary of accomplishments, activities and presentations from this year:**

An in-person meeting was held on 1/17/2023 with a few virtual attendees via Microsoft Teams. State Commissioner Mr. Phillip Cantrell participated, providing information about the Compact at the meeting. State Superintendent of Schools, Mr. David Roach, participated voicing support for efforts to assist military-connected students. 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://wvde.us/commonground/purplestaraward/#tab-275236dbfd540a3ebc7). Meeting minutes may be requested by e-mail.

West Virginia specific MIC3 Professional Development was included as part of required trainings for schools applying to become Purple Star Award recipients. This year the number of Purple Star Schools increased from 200 to 270. The number of Purple Star Districts rose from 9 to 14. The training is made available for free on the Military Family Point of Contact Training section of the Purple Star Award's website at <https://wvde.us/commonground/purplestaraward/#tab-275236dbfd540a3ebc7>. While the WVDE has annually sent an e-mail message with information about MIC3 in the State Superintendent's updates to County Superintendents during fiscal years 2015 – 2022, in place of this year's e-mail County Superintendents were engaged directly on the supports of MIC3 and the West Virginia Common Ground Partnership at an in-person meeting of the West Virginia Association of School Administrators in Bridgeport, WV on October 21, 2022.

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 the Speaker Series, Spirit Week (including Purple Up Day), the Purple Star Award, Military Signing Week, Care Packages for Educators at Elementary Schools focused on assisting military-connected children experiencing deployments (which include a brochure for MIC3), and the ASVAB mentor request system. All these strategies have led to educators, students and military families becoming better informed about supportive resources. The West Virginia Board of Education celebrated April as the Month of the Military Child with Common Ground Partners during their April 12, 2023, 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 2023 End-of-Year Report

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, Wisconsin State Commissioner  
Dr. Jill Underly, Wisconsin State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction  
Rebecca Walley, Wisconsin School Liaison Officer  
Colonel Stephen Messenger, Fort McCoy Garrison Commander, Military Representative  
Derek Campbell, Policy Advisor, Governor Tony Evers Representative  
Senator Rachel Cabral-Guevera, Legislative Representative  
Representative Shae Sortwell, Legislative Representative  
Michael Hanson, Superintendent, Tomah Area School District  
Sam Russ, Superintendent, Sparta Area School District  
J. D. Engelhardt, Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Wisconsin National Guard Child and Youth Program Director  
Lynn Sisco, Military Family Representative  
John Wheeler, Lieutenant Colonel, WI Air National Guard  
Thomas McCarthy, Executive Director, Office of the State Superintendent  
Ben Jones, General Counsel, Office of the State Superintendent  
Andrea Donnegan, School Counseling Consultant, WI Department of Public Instruction  
Stacy Eslik, Wisconsin School Counselor Association, Executive Director  
Stephen Schroeder, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators  
Rebecca Boehlke, Military One Source  
Stephanie Hauser, Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, Executive Director  
Angelene Mattes, Wisconsin Parent Teacher Association  
Elizabeth Pease, Operations Association, WI Department of Public Instruction  
Connie Lewis, Legislative Staff Representative

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are: Shelley Joan Weiss, [Shelleyjoan.weiss1@gmail.com](mailto:Shelleyjoan.weiss1@gmail.com)  
Andrea Donnegan, [Andrea.Donegan@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:Andrea.Donegan@dpi.wi.gov)

Accomplishments: Held two meetings with full Council. Disseminated Agendas/Minutes with Public, Council Members, and MIC3 staff  
Minutes  
Wisconsin State Council Meeting, September 28, 2022  
Public Notice | Minutes  
Wisconsin State Council Meeting, March 23, 2023

## Agenda & Minutes

Attended the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting

Submitted the 2022 End of Year Report

Collaborates with WI Department of Public Instruction to ensure DPI website is current.

Shared communications from MIC3 (e.g. Newsletters, announcements of training)

MIC3 - Wisconsin

Commissioner regularly communicates various items relevant to Council activities with members.

Collaborated with WI Department of Public Instruction, Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, Wisconsin School Counselors Association, and Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs to create and share articles and supportive information related to April - the Month of Military Children, May - Military Appreciation Month, and November - Military Family Appreciation Month.

Obtained and shared Proclamations from Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, Wisconsin State Superintendent Jill Underly, various school districts, communities and organizations supporting April - Month of the Military Child.

State Superintendent Jill Underly Proclamation

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers Proclamation

Shared school districts websites with military resources with Council members.

Tomah Area School District - Military Family Support

Sun Prairie Area School District - Military Resources

Commissioner collaborated with WI National Guard Challenge Academy to arrange visits by educational and civic leaders to the Academy.

Commissioner collaborates with WI Army National Guard on various recruiting activities.

Shared relevant information through a variety of media outlets (print, radio, television) on information and activities related to April - Month of the Military Child.

Wisconsin Public Radio show on Military Children featuring Becky Walley, WI School Liaison Officer, Shelley Joan Weiss, WI Commissioner, and Eileen Huck, Military Family Association

Sun Prairie Chamber of Commerce

Commissioner shared numerous items from individuals, schools, and organizations with MIC3 on celebrations of April-Month of the Military Child including:

Video created by Fort McCoy in cooperation with Sparta and Tomah School Districts.

Fort McCoy Video 2023

Activities organized by JD Engelhardt, WI Department of Military Affairs, Youth and Child Director for military children including:

Tour of Wisconsin State Capitol with WI National Guard Teen Panel

Meeting with Senator Dianne Hesselbein and Col Robert Hesselbein (Retired) and WI National Guard Teen Panel

Meeting with Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez and WI National Guard Teen Panel

Various online and face-face camps for military children

Meeting with numerous organizations including founders of the A & A All the Way Foundation, Aaron Jones and Alvin Jones at Lambeau Field, Green Bay, WI.

Activities:

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Meeting with numerous organizations including founders of the A & A All the Way Foundation, Aaron Jones and Alvin Jones at Lambeau Field, Green Bay, WI.

Presentations:

Presentation by Shelley Joan Weiss to City Council of Sun Prairie

Presentation by Shelley Joan Weiss to Board of Education, Sun Prairie Area School District

Presentation by JD Engelhardt, WI National Guard Child & Youth Director to State Senator Dianne Hesselbein & Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez, and to Military Families and Guests at A & A All the Way Foundation Event at Lambeau Field

Shared written information with several education organizations and agencies

# Wyoming 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: Chad  
Last Name: Delbridge

I am the Compact  
Commissioner for: Wyoming

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

Commissioner: Chad Delbridge  
- [chad.delbridge@laramie1.org](mailto:chad.delbridge@laramie1.org)  
Shelley Hamel: Chief State School Officer  
- [shelley.hamel@wyo.gov](mailto:shelley.hamel@wyo.gov)  
Military Family Education Liaison: Position pending  
Military/DOD Representative: Position pending  
District with Highest Concentration of Military Children: Thom Jones  
State Council Members:  
Chad Delbridge, Principal, Freedom Elementary School  
Pending, 90 FSS/FSFR, Francis E. Warren Air Force Base,  
United States Air Force  
Senator Lynn Hutchings, Wyoming State Senate  
Representative  
Pending, 90 MSG/CD, Frances E. Warren Air Force Base,  
United States Air Force  
LCDR Jeffrey Sheppard, 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, Student Services MTSS Coordinator, Laramie  
County School District #1  
Lachelle Brant, Policy Advisor, Education, Office of the  
Governor, Wyoming State Capitol  
Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer, Wyoming State  
Department of Education  
Erica Legerski - [erica.legerski@wyo.gov](mailto:erica.legerski@wyo.gov) "  
Shepard, Jeffrey - [jeffrey.m.shepard2.mil@us.navy.mil](mailto:jeffrey.m.shepard2.mil@us.navy.mil)  
Lachelle Brant - [lachelle.brant@wyo.gov](mailto:lachelle.brant@wyo.gov)  
Senator Lynn Hutchings - [lynn.hutchings@wyoleg.gov](mailto:lynn.hutchings@wyoleg.gov)  
Thom Jones – [thom.jones@laramie1.org](mailto:thom.jones@laramie1.org)

The membership of the state's MIC3 is currently up to date except for the following: Military Family Education Liaison and Military/DOD Representative. Positions will be filled shortly

and then we will await approval from Governor Gordan's office.

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are:  
Chad Delbridge  
Thom Jones

Accomplishments:

- The Wyoming Department of Education, along with Governor Mark Gordon and the Wyoming Military Department, awarded Wyoming's first Purple Star Elementary School – Freedom Elementary at a ceremony at the Wyoming State Capitol. Principal/MIC3 State Commissioner, Chad Delbridge, and 6th grade student Hailey Woods from Freedom Elementary spoke at the ceremony. Also, Wyoming's first Purple Star Junior High – McCormich Junior High, and Wyoming's first Purple Star High School – Central High School were awarded Purple Star Status from the Govenor's office.
- The State Council supported the first Senior Purple Cord Recognition Ceremony at F.E. Warren AFB through attendance.
- Wyoming MIC3 Commissioner and principal of Freedom Elementary was selected to attend a Civic Leader Tour to learn more about the Air Force Global Strike Command mission and witness the world's premier nuclear deterrence capabilities firsthand. Tour stops included Ellsworth Air Force Base, SD and Vandenberg Space Force Base, CA

Activities: 1. The State Council met four times this past year in August, November, April, and May.

Presentations: Nothing to report at this time.

# End-of-Year Reports Submitted after Deadline



# Idaho 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: Ryan  
Last Name: Cantrell

I am the Compact Commissioner for: Idaho

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

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- CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICER Debbie Critchfield, State Superintendent, Idaho Department of Education
- STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS
- Ryan Cantrell, Deputy Superintendent, Idaho State Department of Education
- Spencer Barzee, Regional Director, Idaho State Department of Education
- James Gilbert, Superintendent, Mountain Home School District

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

1. Ryan Cantrell, Deputy Superintendent, Idaho State Department of Education, 208.332.6800, rcantrell@sde.idaho.gov
2. Spencer Barzee, Regional Director, Idaho State Department of Education, 208.339.0845, sbarzee@westside202.com

Accomplishments: The State Council assists the Mountain Home School District with their needs as they are neighbors to Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Activities: The State Council supports the Mountain Home School District as they are neighbors to Mountain Home Air Force Base. Mountain Home Air Force Base employees have a number of children that attend the Mountain Home School District.

Presentations: No presentations to include.



# Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission HAWAII — FY2023 End of Year Report



## **Hawaii's Compact Membership and Influence**

The State of Hawaii became a member of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children in 2009, in the second year of its operation. The Hawaii State Legislature enacted the requisite Compact law in July of that year, and in October the Hawaii State Board of Education appointed as Hawaii's State Commissioner retired Brigadier General Kathleen Berg, whose mission was to oversee the Hawaii State Council and facilitate the Compact between Hawaii and other member states. It would take until 2014 for all 50 states and the District of Columbia to become members. Berg and a delegation from Hawaii that included then State Representative K. Mark Takai, one of the sponsors of Hawaii's Compact legislation, attended the second annual business meeting of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) held in the fall of 2009 in California. Berg was elected vice chair of the commission and represented Hawaii in leadership positions as the vice chair, then chair, and past chair from 2009 through 2016 and still serves as the Hawaii's state commissioner. Also part of that 2009 delegation was Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Military Liaison Cherise Imai, who added to her HIDOE job responsibilities the administrative support for the State Commissioner and the Hawaii State Council. In 2016, Imai was selected by the Compact Commission to be the third MIC3 Executive Director, and she moved from Hawaii to Kentucky where she still leads the MIC3 National Office. Current HIDOE Military Liaison Cherry Okahara was hired as Imai's replacement.

The military is an important component of the population and economy of Hawaii. The state is home to all branches of the U.S. armed forces. There are twelve key military installations and bases across the state. With nearly 43,000 active duty military members assigned here, Hawaii is ranked eighth among the fifty states, and the state has the highest number of military-dependent children per capita in the nation. The number of school-age military dependents in the state was 17,444, according to the Department of Defense data used to calculate Hawaii's FY23 Compact dues. Not all of those students were enrolled in Hawaii's public schools; schooling options in the state also include public charter schools, private and parochial schools, and homeschooling. It is estimated that military-dependent students make up at least 8% of the total public school enrollment in Hawaii, which numbered 168,634 in FY23.

The Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) is a statewide school district of 258 schools in 15 Complex Areas. Each Complex Area consists of two to four school complexes. A school complex is a high school and the elementary and middle schools that feed into it. Each Complex Area has its own Complex Area Superintendent (CAS) and support staff. There are 56 public schools listed on the HIDOE Military Families website [ <https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ParentsAndStudents/MilitaryFamilies/Pages/Home.aspx> ] as having significant populations of military-dependent students. All are located on Oahu. The largest concentration of military students is in the Central District on Oahu.

## **Hawaii State Council**

From its first meeting in April 2010, the Hawaii State Council has met regularly and complements a number of other organizations created in the state to support military students in Hawaii public schools, including the Military Youth Advisory Council (MYAC), Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF), Military Impacted Principals Council (MIPC), and the Hawaii Education Liaison Officers Council (HELOC).

## Hawaii State Council Members

Specific guidance for the composition and the operation of the State Council can be found in HRS 311D - 2. The Council is to be composed of the following:

*[§311D-2] State council. There is established within the board of education for administrative purposes the state council on educational opportunity for military children. The board of education shall establish the state council, as required by article VIII of the compact. The membership of the state council shall include, at a minimum:*

- (1) The superintendent of education or the superintendent's designee;*
- (2) The complex area superintendents of the administrative districts that contain the Leilehua, Radford/Moanalua, and Kalaheo school complexes;*
- (3) A complex area superintendent from the Leeward district;*
- (4) The military liaison from the department of education;*
- (5) A uniformed military representative from the United States Pacific Command;*
- (6) One installation-level uniformed military representative from each branch of service of the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard;*
- (7) The governor or the governor's designee;*
- (8) The chairperson of the senate education committee or the chairperson's designee;*
- (9) The chairperson of the house education committee or the chairperson's designee; and*
- (10) Other offices and stakeholder groups the state council deems necessary.*

*Members of the state council may delegate voting authority to another person for a specified meeting or meetings. The state council shall appoint or designate a military family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this compact. The compact commissioner and the military family education liaison designated herein shall be ex-officio members of the state council, unless either is already a full voting member of the state council. The council shall establish policies and procedures governing its operations but subject to the open meeting requirements of chapter 92. [L 2009, c 152, pt of §1; am L 2011, c 82, pt of §1]*

<b>Brig Gen (Ret) Kathleen Berg</b> (10/2009) Hawaii State Commissioner Hawaii State Council	Governor Josh Green (1/2023) State of Hawaii	Keith Hayashi (8/2021) Superintendent Hawaii State Department of Education
<b>Ms. Cherry Okahara</b> (7/2016) Military Liaison Hawaii State Department of Education	Senator Michelle Kidani (1/2015) Hawaii State Legislature Senate Committee on Education	Mr. John Erickson (8/2013) Complex Area Superintendent Moanalua-Radford-Aiea Complex Hawaii State Department of Education
VACANT Military Family Education Liaison	Representative Justin Woodson (3/2017) Hawaii State Legislature House Committee on Education	Mr. Robert Davis (1/2017) Complex Area Superintendent Mililani-Leilehua-Waialua Complex Hawaii State Department of Education
Ms. Lanelle Hibbs (7/2015) Complex Area Superintendent Kailua-Kalaheo Complex Hawaii State Department of Education	Mr. Sean Tajima (7/2018) Complex Area Superintendent Campbell-Kapolei Complex Hawaii State Department of Education	Col Monica Gramling, USAF (6/2023) Commander, 647 <sup>th</sup> AB Group, 15th Wing Deputy Commander Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Mr. Raymond Fujino (5/2015) Executive Director Oahu Interscholastic Association	Col Angenene Robertson, USAF (5/2021) Director, Manpower and Personnel HQ USINDOPACOM, Camp Smith HI	CAPT Anthony Pecoraro, USN (3/2023) Chief of Staff Navy Region Hawaii
CDR Jarod S. Toczko, USCG (9/2020) Resources Division Officer US Coast Guard District 14	COL Steven McGunegle, USA (7/2022) Commander US Army Garrison Hawaii (USAG-HI)	Wendy Nakasone Kalani* School Liaison Officer US Army Garrison Hawaii (USAG)
Col Jeremy Beaven, USMC (5/2023) Commanding Officer Marine Corps Base Hawaii		*Appointed by the Hawaii Education Liaison Officers

## **Points of Contact**

Brig Gen (Ret) Kathleen Berg, Hawaii State Commissioner and Ms. Cherry Okahara, State of Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) Military Liaison serve as the points of contact for Hawaii.

## **Summary of Achievements, Activities and Presentations in FY2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)**

After a challenging previous year in the emergency response phase of the pandemic, Hawaii public schools began school year 2022–23 fully opened and prepared to exist with COVID-19. The previous year’s interim superintendent was selected for the position and continued his leadership of Hawaii’s public schools as Superintendent Hayashi. Hawaii State Commissioner Berg and HIDOE Military Liaison Okahara continued to advise HIDOE personnel on issues involving the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and assist them in applying Compact rules where appropriate, working closely with the military services’ school liaison officers (SLOs) to resolve any Compact issues. They regularly attended meetings—virtual during 2022 and in-person in 2023—of the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) and the Hawaii Education Liaison Officers Council (HELOC), interacting with members of the military, education, and business communities, as well as meetings with new uniformed military liaisons to the Hawaii State Council. They also hosted a visit by MIC3 Executive Director Cherise Imai to Hawaii, March 28 and 29, 2023, facilitating multiple office calls and training events.

Presentations and briefs were provided at the following events and meetings:

- September 27, 2022 – Hawaii DOE Virtual District Educational Specialist (DES) Meeting as part of the School Liaison Officer Brief (HIDOE Military Liaison Okahara)
- October 13, 2022 – Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) Liaison Member Meeting via WebEx, MIC3 update (Commissioner Berg)
- February 9, 2023 – Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) Liaison Member Meeting in-person, MIC3 update (Commissioner Berg)
- March 28, 2023 – US Indo-Pacific Command J1 & J10 office call (J1 Col Angenene Robertson, J10 Allison McQueen, Rose Greco (J1 Quality of Life Office), Ann Biggers (J1 Quality of Life Office), Jean Grice (DoDEA Pacific Liaison), MIC3 Executive Director Imai, Commissioner Berg)
- March 28, 2023 – Office Call with Hawaii DOE Superintendent Keith Hayashi (MIC3 ED Imai, Commissioner Berg, HIDOE Military Liaison Okahara)
- March 29, 2023 – Hawaii DOE Transition Centers Best Practices Conference, Compact 101 Training for 80 participants (MIC3 ED Imai, Commissioner Berg, HIDOE Liaison Okahara)
- March 29, 2023 – Pacific Region (Japan, Okinawa, Korea, Alaska) Air Force School Liaisons, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, training for 20 participants (MIC3 ED Imai)
- March 29, 2023 – Joint Services Parent Training for 30 participants (MIC3 ED Imai)
- March 29, 2023 – Aiea-Moanalua-Radford Complex school Vice Principal Administrators Brief (ED Imai)
- March 29, 2023 – Joint Services Military Family Life Consultants Brief (MIC3 ED Imai)
- April 19, 2023 – Purple Up HIDOE Leadership Meeting at Radford High School, coordination and Purple Star Norbert Hawaii Award presentation (HIDOE Military Liaison Okahara)
- April 28, 2023 – Office Call with CAPT Anthony Pecoraro, Chief of Staff, Navy Region Hawaii; Jordan Garrett, Regional Director, Community (N9), Navy Region Hawaii; Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) Child and Youth Programs (CYP) Installation Director Tomoko Dangerfield; and School Liaison Officer Cherise Yamasaki (Commissioner Berg and HIDOE Military Liaison Okahara)

- June 3, 2023 – Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF) Liaison Member Meeting, Hawaii State Council report (Commissioner Berg)
- June 29, 2023 – Virtual Compact 101 Training for Campbell-Kapolei Complex principals and registrars from 18 schools (Commissioner Berg and MIC3 ED Imai)

Two meetings of the Hawaii State Council were held in FY2023, the first virtually via WebEx and the second in-person at the Hawaii State Capitol:

- July 21, 2022 – Hawaii State Council Meeting, main agenda items: Compact citation correction; follow-up discussion on application of Compact to National Guard and Reserve (NGR) members; Hawaii request for a legal advisory opinion regarding the accreditation requirement in SEC. 3.102 Application for Transfer of Student Records and Enrollment, (b) Kindergarten and First grade entrance age, including the definition of “accreditation” as used there
- May 31, 2023 – Hawaii State Council Meeting, main agenda items: Compact rules changes approved at 2022 Annual Business Meeting in November; new *Compact Rules* book; discussion of the data collection rule in the Model Compact Language (in preparation for upcoming Tier Groups meetings and the 2023 ABM).

Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the HIDOE website: <http://bit.ly/InterstateCompact>

### **Cooperation/Coordination with Other Organizations**

Brig Gen (Ret) Berg, as Hawaii State Commissioner, is a Liaison Member of the Joint Venture Education Forum (JVEF), a formal partnership between the HIDOE and the United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) with membership and involvement of other community organizations. JVEF was formed in 1999 with a mission to facilitate discussion of the educational concerns and attend to the unique needs of military children and their families, such as transitions to the Islands, and to support Hawaii’s public school students. A key element of JVEF over the years has been the military-school partnerships, which matched most of the public schools on Oahu with a military unit whose members volunteered their time to help with various school projects throughout the school year. Most of the uniformed military members of the Hawaii State Council for the Interstate Compact are also Liaison Members of JVEF. JVEF meets regularly throughout the year, alternating monthly between meetings of the Liaison Members and of the various Focus Groups, and — up until the pandemic interruption—including one annual event. In FY23, meetings were both virtual and in-person, and the meeting agendas for three of the Liaison Member meetings in FY23 included an update from the State Commissioner. HIDOE Military Liaison Okahara, along with a member of the J1 Directorate at USINDOPACOM, serve as the administrative support team for JVEF.

The Military Youth Advisory Council (MYAC), originally involving Radford High School and the base commanders of nearby Army, Air Force, and Navy installations dates back to 1994 and was the model for JVEF. MYAC’s main focus was transitioning new students. It now serves the Radford Complex as a primary community group, meeting once a month at the Radford campus. Radford High School had one of the first Transition Centers in Hawaii schools. Its student-to-student transition program has served as a model for many of the other Hawaii public schools’ transition programs, many of which have received funding from HIDOE and community partners as part of the K. Mark Takai Transition Center Network. MIC3 has regularly been part of the now annual Transition Centers Best Practices Conference, put on by HIDOE, Hawaii Business Roundtable, and the K. Mark Takai Foundation. For the 2023 conference, MIC3 Executive Director Imai attended and presented along with Commissioner Berg a Compact 101 Training session. The training fulfilled a requirement for schools that seek to earn the Purple Star Norbert Hawaii Award that distinguishes them as a military-friendly school. The current award program marries the previous Norbert Award, originally developed

in the early years of JVEF, with the more recently promoted nationwide Purple Star Schools program. Training of school faculty on provisions of the Interstate Compact is now part of the list of requirements developed by the Military Impacted Principals Council (MIPC) for the award. MIPC was an outgrowth of JVEF and provides for sharing of experiences and ideas and helps new principals come up to speed on the Compact and other military student issues.

There are many groups operating in Hawaii that serve military-dependent students in the public schools. People and organizations overlap, cooperate, and coordinate activities in support of military students. The Interstate Compact is just part of that effort and benefits from those organizations and events. Since the early 2000s, the HIDOE has funded as a full-time position the HIDOE Military Liaison as part of its administration. The position responsibilities include support for Compact activities and requirements and staffing for the State Commissioner and State Council functions. The organization of Hawaii's school system as a single school district facilitates communication and compliance. And the several military services' school liaison officers (SLOs) are very competent and have many years of experience. Several years ago, the Hawaii Education Liaison Officers Council (HELOC) was formed, which includes representatives from USINDOPACOM Quality of Life and Education section, other military branches' youth services folks, and the HIDOE.

Only two cases in FY23 rose to the attention of the State Commissioner; one involved placement of a home-schooled military child at the appropriate elementary grade level and the other a request to waive a world history course requirement for a diploma from HIDOE. Both cases were essentially resolved by the time the Commissioner got involved, but each provided an opportunity for discussion of new issues and spawned an idea to provide for school registrars to meet and talk about Compact issues together so that Hawaii schools could be more aligned in how they handle common requests. The lack of problems and complaints that come up through school channels or via direct calls to HIDOE Military Liaison Okahara or to State Commissioner Berg indicate that school level administrators, complex area superintendents, and SLOs are doing an effective job of implementing Compact rules for transitioning military students. The large forums that JVEF and MYAC provide are also sources of feedback from military members and parents, so that any issues that exist gain visibility and can be resolved. The HIDOE Military Liaison has maintained a database of cases over the years so they can be shared with the State Council and the MIC3 National Office when appropriate.



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July 6, 2023

Ms. Cherise Imai, Executive Director  
Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission  
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Dear Ms. Imai,

The following information is provided in accordance with MIC3 Policy 01-2017, state coordination, for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Points of contact for the Kansas State Council are myself and Sherry Root, Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). 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 February 24, 2023. 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 basic and historical information concerning MIC3 in Kansas. The dues for FY24 were quickly reviewed, but most of the meeting was spent preparing for the Purple Star Program Kickoff and Recognition during the Kansas State Board of Education's April meeting. Members discussed the importance and purpose of the Purple Star School Program, as well as the presentation formats for the State Board meeting. Additionally, the team developed the key points to bring to the attention of the State Board of Education. The team agreed to do their best to bring in military children, their parents, as well as others in uniform to represent all the military-connected students in Kansas and present to the Board of Education the importance of this program to this special group of students in Kansas.

**Process to establish the Kansas Purple Star School Program:**

At the Kansas State Board of Education meeting on October 11, 2022, Craig Neuenswander (on behalf of the Council) and Reggie Eggleston, Geary County Superintendent, presented an overview of this program highlighting its importance and how military-connected students and families would benefit.

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A Purple Star School designation will be awarded to military-friendly schools that apply to KSDE, complete specific activities and meet all criteria and requirements. The Board voted unanimously 10-0 to approve the program.

To receive this designation, an application was developed by members of the Council for schools to complete and submit to KSDE. It outlined criteria and requirements that must be met to be designated as a Kansas Purple Star School. Applications were accepted Oct 15, 2022, until Feb 1, 2023. In early February, the Council met to review the applications submitted and approve schools and districts meeting the criteria to receive this designation in April.

At the April 11, 2023, Kansas State Board of Education meeting, each of the four Purple Star School districts were recognized and presented a slide show with photos from each school supporting military families. Addressing the board were superintendents, students, garrison commanders and school liaison officers representing three military bases. The speakers provided narratives from several perspectives, each supporting the importance of the Purple Star School Program. They exemplified the impact of welcoming new students to make the military transition as smooth as possible. Additionally, members of the State Board of Education were thanked by all for establishing this program for Kansas schools.

The Purple Star School Recognition Program is a partnership between the Kansas State Department of Education and the Kansas Military Children Education Council. KSDE website posts information for schools to apply for the Kansas Purple Star School designation: [Military Families \(ksde.org\)](https://ksde.org/military-families). Materials, resources, guidance and recommendations to establish a program are provided.

If you should have any questions regarding the information presented in this letter or the minutes, please do not hesitate to call me 785.296.3872. Have a super day and Be GREAT!

Respectfully,

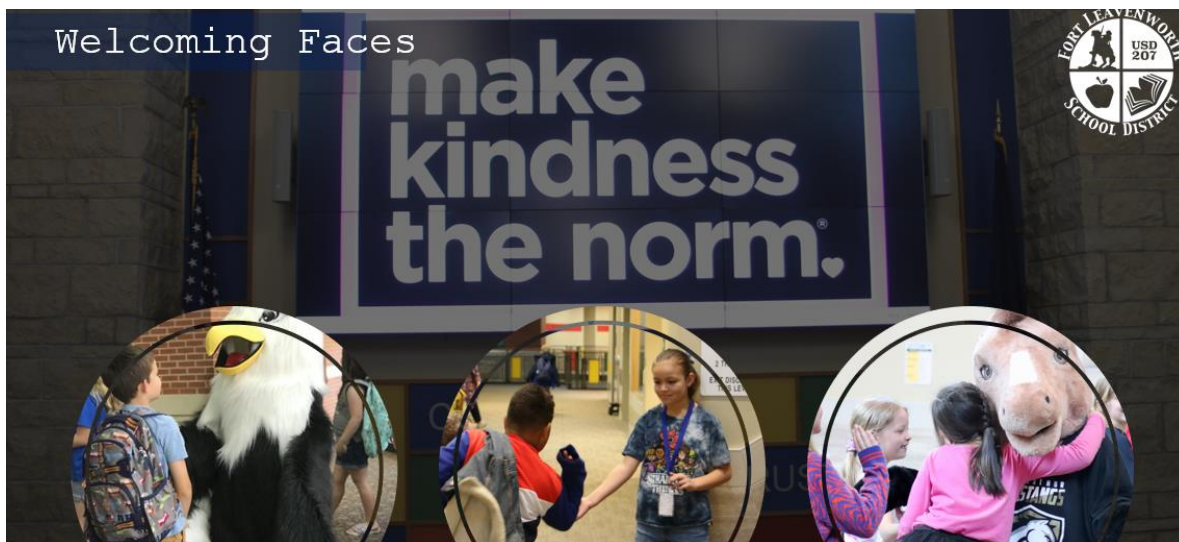
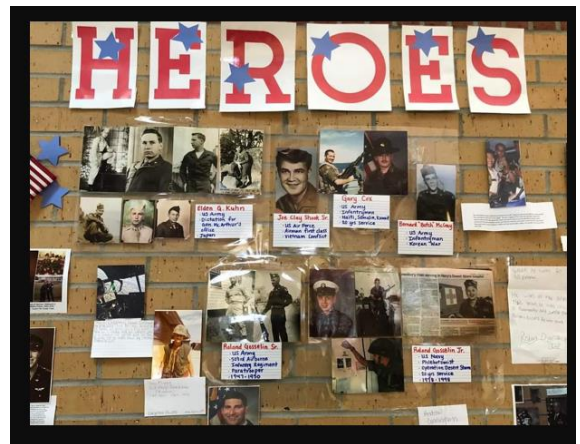
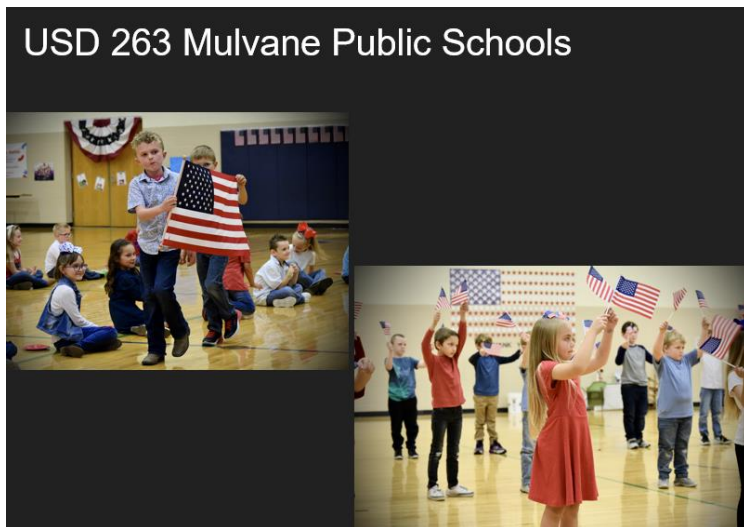


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Commissioner, Kansas State Council

Photos taken at the State Board meeting on April 11, 2023:  
Link: [Purple Star Designation | Flickr](#)

Page 3-4 – Slides from presentation by districts designated as Purple Star Schools







Kansas Logo above designed by Joshua Ferguson, a former student attending Geary County Public Schools (Fort Riley).

Above, Dr. Reginald Eggleston, Superintendent of Geary County Public Schools, addresses the Kansas State Board of Education. Geary County was the first school district in Kansas to be designated a Purple Star School by MCEC. Dr. Eggleston’s leadership on KMCEC was helpful in establishing this program in Kansas.



Kansas State Board of Education members and representatives from school districts recognized as a Kansas Purple Star School on April 11, 2023.

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# Indiana 2023 End-of-Year Report

First Name: Brian  
Last Name: Murphy  
I am the Compact Commissioner for: Indiana  
The membership of the state's MIC3 council consists of the following: STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Brian Murphy, Indiana MIC3 Commissioner/Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) Chief of Staff  
Steve Balko, IDOE Director of School Building Safety  
Elizabeth Walters, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools, MSD Wayne Township Schools  
Courtney Hott, ELAC Director  
David Lehfeld, School Liaison Officer  
Senator Jeff Ratz, Chairman Senate Education Committee

Two points of contact for issues related to the Compact in my state are: School Liaison David Lehfeld and Commissioner Brian Murphy.

Accomplishments: Helped raise awareness of the compact and military family rights.  
increased idoe's involvement in beyond the compact to go as far as we can in supporting military families.  
Implementation of purple star schools and awards

Activities: Inclusion of materials in state newsletter  
Hosted 2 local council meetings with the idoe Director of Student, Family, and School Engagement to talk about supports we can offer even above and beyond the compact  
Attended national convention in Baton Rouge

Presentations: Whenever I am presenting to any stakeholder group that could benefit from the information, i include info about the commission, in addition to sending info out in newsletters.