

MIC3 Idaho State Council Meeting

Monday, January 22, 2024

11:30-1:00

Physical Location:

Mountain Home School District Office
470 North 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho

Zoom Link

<https://idahosde.zoom.us/j/99445540848>

Attendees

Domineek Haag, School Liaison Officer, Mountain Home School District
James Gilbert, Superintendent, Mountain Home School District
Jolene Lincoln, Student/Federal Programs, Boise School District
Spencer Barzee, Director, Idaho Department of Education, Idaho Commissioner, MIC3

1. Purple Star Schools

a. Criteria

The criteria for a Purple Star School is outlined in the application. Superintendent Gilbert feels that the criteria is reasonable and is aligned to MCEC guidance. They plan to have Stephenson Elementary be the first school in the district apply for Purple Star status.

b. [Application](#)

The components of this application were approved and will be sent to production for the actual application. The Idaho Department of Education Communications team will help complete the application's construction.

c. Advisory team

The advisory team for Purple Star applications will consist of Idaho's MIC3 Council, the four attendees at today's meeting.

d. Logo ideas

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction

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Dr. Barzee will work with the Communications team at the Idaho Department of Education on logo design. They have looked at other states and have some great ideas.

2. Military Identifier

- a. How do we correctly help LEA's code students?

Currently, about 3,000 students in Idaho are coded by LEAs as having parents on active duty or in the National Guard. Some LEAs are coding properly, but others have room for improvement. Dr. Barzee will compose a letter and distribute it statewide to Local Education Agencies (LEAs), aiming to educate school leaders about the necessary steps for accurately identifying military-connected students, coding them in the student demographics system, and allocating resources as needed.

3. MIC3 Annual Business Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the MIC3 Annual Business Meeting were discussed.

4. Penn State Report

The Penn State Report contains inaccuracies specifically to Idaho and other states. Dr. Barzee will reach out to the researchers for clarification. Furthermore, the MIC3 national office is also drafting a formal response to obtain clarity from the Department of Defense and Penn State Researchers on the findings that were not represented accurately.

5. Next steps (not previously identified)

- Explore the option of passing legislation related to Purple Star Schools.
- Develop the Purple Star website that will be hosted by Idaho Department of Education.
- Identify and distribute existing professional development opportunities for schools.
- Consider possible candidates to help expand Idaho's MIC3 State Council Membership.