(Place on State Department letterhead)

 (Date)

Dear (School District Superintendents):

Military members and families sacrifice for the security and safety of our nation, specifically military children, youth and teens during grades Kindergarten through 12th grade, as they move alongside their parents. The month of April is designated as the *Month of the Military Child or* **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”.** Across the nation, states and school districts will celebrate the important role military children play while their service member parents serve our country through special events and wearing the color **purple.**

(State) is a member of the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (MIC3) – that includes the 50 states, District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools – which addresses the key educational transition issues encountered by military-connected students.

As educators, we are committed to children and providing a high-quality education for all students in public schools. I ask for your support in April for **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”** by:

1. Coordinating a district-wide month or day and promotion through your communication channels (website, newsletters, media), stakeholders, and partners, and tagging **#MIC3Compact** and **#purpleup4militarykids.**
2. Drafting a letter or memorandum to your schools encouraging them to consider sponsoring an activity.
3. Attending a district or school event celebrating **“Purple Up! For Military Kids.”**

Additional information and resources can be found in the **Purple Up! Toolkit** at: [https://www.mic3.net/motmc.](https://www.mic3.net/motmc)

Lastly, (Commissioner name), (state name)’s Compact Commissioner, oversees the military compact administration in our state and ensures compliance with the rules and regulations.

Please inform them of any district or school-level promotion. For more information on the Compact, please contact (him/her) directly at (phone and email info) or visit www.mic3.net.

Please join me in thanking our military children for their strength and sacrifice by supporting **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”** this month – they deserve our support!

Sincerely yours,

(State Superintendent or Commissioner of Education)

**Did You Know?** According to the U.S. Department of Defense as of 2020, there were 1.62 million military-connected students in the U.S.