



January 2025

Dear Commissioners, Designees, and Ex-Officio Members,

Military-connected families and children make many sacrifices to serve and protect our country. In April, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3), alongside many organizations, non-profits, and public entities, will celebrate the important role of our military children. Across the nation, states, communities, and schools celebrate this month in various ways, including wearing **purple**. This year the Commission has selected **Wednesday, April 23, 2025**, as our official **"Purple Up! For Military Kids"** day. Note: while the commission selected the 23rd, you may also determine a day in April that is best for your state, community, or council.

As a Compact Commissioner, our role is vital to supporting military families and children. We ask for your support in the following:

1. Help coordinate and/or support a gubernatorial proclamation designating April as the "Month of the Military Child."
2. Help coordinate and/or support a letter or memorandum from your State Superintendent or Commissioner on Education to local school districts encouraging coordination of district or school events.
3. Attend or help plan an event celebrating **"Purple Up! For Military Kids"**.
4. Share your activities on social media by tagging **#MIC3Compact** and **#purpleup4militarykids**

Additional information and resources can be found in the **Purple Up! Toolkit** or on: <https://www.mic3.net/motmc.html>.

Lastly, please inform the National Office of your state's **Purple Up!** And Month of the Military Child endeavors by sending a copy of your letter, press release, event photos, or any related information to mic3info@csg.org to disseminate through our channels.

The Commission supports successful educational transitions through a commitment to doing the right thing for children, resolving issues fairly, showing respect for all, supporting transparency in all we do, and making a difference. Please join us in recognizing our military children for their sacrifice by championing **"Purple Up! For Military Kids"** – they deserve our support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ernise Singleton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ernise Singleton
Chairman and Louisiana Commissioner