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Military Interstate Compact Celebrates Military Children and Families

The Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission convened its Annual Business Meeting on October 16-17 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hosted by New Mexico Commissioner Teresa Ferenczhalmay, event attendees included over 120 attendees which included member state representatives, ex-officio members, and special guests.

Developed in 2006 by the U.S. Department of Defense and the Council of State Governments, the Compact is a contractual agreement adopted by the 50 states and District of Columbia, and through a [memorandum of understanding](#), the US Department of Defense Education Activity Schools (DODEA) worldwide. The Compact eases educational challenges that military-connected students encounter while they move interstate between public school districts and DODEA schools. Areas covered by the compact include enrollment, placement and attendance, and graduation.

A highlight was keynote speaker, Col. Jason Okumura, commander of the 377th Mission Support Group who shared his educational background, experience in the Air Force, and his perspectives of the Compact as a father. The evening reception featured Col. Michael Power, the Kirtland Air Force Base, 377th Air Base Wing and installation commander, and his spouse, Courtney, who shared how the Compact helped their children from repeating courses taken in a previous school district.

Business items included reports and briefs from standing committees, the U.S. Departments of Defense, Education Commission of the States, and on the federal Impact Aid Program. In addition, Blue Star Families was approved as an advisory member. Military school district superintendents from Kansas and New Jersey spoke to the challenges students encounter in a post-pandemic environment, and how their schools provide innovative mental health and academic support. A panel highlighted Project SEARCH, which connects high school students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to internships and on-the-job training at Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana in Virginia Beach.

The Commission elected the following for a second term: Louisiana Commissioner Ernise Singleton as chair, Minnesota Commissioner, Daron Korte, as vice chair; and Washington Commissioner, Greg Lynch, as treasurer. The Executive Committee also includes Connecticut Commissioner, Laura Anastasio, as past chair and one non-voting member, Dianna Ganote, from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Military Community and Family Policy, Office of Children and Youth.

The following were reappointed by Chair Singleton to the Executive Committee:

- Communication and Outreach Committee – Chad Delbridge, Wyoming Commissioner
- Compliance Committee Chair – Steven Bullard, Kentucky Commissioner
- Rules Committee – Mary Gable, Maryland Commissioner
- Training Committee Chair – Kathleen Murphy, New Hampshire Commissioner

“Our mission to ensure successful education transitions for military and uniform connected school-aged students between public and U.S. Department of Defense schools is of vital importance and is a testament to the commitment by every state and the District of Columbia to our support for military families,” said Chair Singleton. “We believe our unified efforts make a difference and help keep kids on grade level and on track to graduate,” she added, “supporting them is what matters most.”

To learn more about the Compact rules, training and advocacy efforts, and support for uniform connected students, visit mic3.net or mic3training.net.



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