

Welcome Message from Interim Executive Director Lindsey Dablow



Welcome to the Commission's 17th Annual Business Meeting!

The Executive Committee and I are pleased to welcome you to Indianapolis, Indiana, for this year's Annual Business Meeting of the Commission. Hosted by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), this gathering promises to be both productive and informative. We sincerely thank NFHS Chief Operating Officer and Ex-officio Representative Davis Whitfield and Executive Director Dr. Karissa Niehoff for graciously sponsoring the Commission at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Don't miss the evening reception on Thursday, October 23rd at 6:00 PM ET at the NCAA Hall of Champions! Explore the heart of college athletics through interactive exhibits that celebrate the passion and perseverance of student-athletes.

This year, the Commission is proud to launch its fourth strategic plan, continuing our mission to raise awareness and understanding of the Compact provisions that support uniform-connected children. Members will also consider an amendment to the Compact Rule *SEC. 2.103 Dues Formula*, a key step toward ensuring the Commission's financial stability and long-term viability in service of military students.

New faces, new support!

Welcoming:

- **Trevin Stevens**, MIC3 Communications Associate
- **Helen Payne**, Payne Educational Consulting

Also, welcome to our returning team members:

- **Susan Haberstroh**, MIC3 Trainer and former Delaware Commissioner
- **Allie Thomas**, MIC3 Operations Coordinator

These dedicated professionals will be on hand to assist members and help ensure the meeting runs smoothly.

The Executive Committee has worked diligently to create a meaningful agenda centered on our shared vision: **Successful Educational Transitions** for uniform-connected children. I look forward to your collaboration and contributions as we move forward together.

See you in Indianapolis!

Lindsey M. Dablow
Interim Executive Director

The Docket Book is now live on the webpage!
Visit [MIC3.net](https://mic3.net) to learn more about the [2025 Annual Business Meeting](#).

Highlights from 2025 NAFIS Fall Conference

During the 2025 National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) Fall Conference, Interim Executive Director Lindsey Dablow and Maryland Commissioner Mary Gable spoke at the Military Impacted Schools Association (MISA) Breakfast. In a continued effort to strengthen the partnership between the MIC3 and MISA, they participated in a series of strategic engagements aimed at increasing awareness of the Compact.



Ms. Dablow and Commissioner Gable shared key updates on the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, emphasizing its mission to support students as they transition across state lines and school districts. They highlighted collaborative opportunities between MISA and MIC3 to raise awareness and ensure consistent support for military-connected families.

Looking ahead, they previewed the 2025 Annual Business Meeting, which will mark the launch of the Commission's fourth strategic plan. This new roadmap will prioritize expanding partnerships, engaging stakeholders, and amplifying awareness of the Compact.



While in Washington D.C. for the NAFIS Conference, Commissioner Gable, Rhode Island Commissioner Rosemarie Kraeger, and Ms. Dablow met with Congressional leaders on Capitol Hill to spotlight the Compact and key legislative initiatives such as the National Defense Authorization Act and the [Assuring Navigation of Compact Help for Ongoing Relocation \(ANCHOR\) for Military Families Act](#) - an initiative aimed at easing transitions for relocating military families.

Over a two day period, they held meetings with the offices of Senator Jack Reed (RI), Senator Chris Van Hollen (MD), and Representative Andy Harris (MD), where they discussed the Compact's impact on military-connected students and explored opportunities for continued support. Additionally, they provided Compact-related materials to staffers in Representative Steny Hoyer's (MD) office to further inform and reinforce awareness of the Commission's mission and initiatives.

MIC3 Attends DSLO Strategic Planning Workshop

On September 8, 2025, the Defense State Liaison Office (DSLO) convened its annual "Education Day" workshop, bringing together stakeholders from across the country to strengthen support for military-connected students. Former MIC3 Executive Director Cherise Imai and Interim Executive Director Lindsey Dablow attended the workshop.

Key Objectives of the workshop included:

- Gain Insights: Learn about current state legislative efforts and state best practices
- Shape Future DSLO Initiatives: Directly contribute to the development of impactful state-level policies to support military-connected students
- Strengthen Collaboration: Build stronger relationships with DSLO, DoD and external

SMEs, and key military student education stakeholders

- Maximize Student Success: Ensure military-connected students receive the support needed to thrive academically through effective implementation of education policies at all levels

A special highlight of the day was the participation of the MIC3, which provided an overview of the Compact's provisions that safeguard the educational continuity of uniform-connected children. MIC3 also discussed the role and responsibilities of the Compact Commissioner and emphasized the importance of DSLO's engagement with Commissioners to ensure productive, state-level collaboration.

Additionally, MIC3 provided updates on the Commission's strategic initiatives and previewed the upcoming 2025 Annual Business Meeting. The discussion underscored a renewed focus on strengthening partnerships across agencies and communities to better support military children and ensure their academic success.

Learn more about the 2026 Department of Defense State Policy Priorities [here](#).

Refreshed PSAs now on YouTube!

The Commission has refreshed its 30-second Public Service Announcements!

Developed by the Communications & Outreach Committee, these short videos highlight the importance of our mission.

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New Faces on the Commission



Jeff Havers
New Jersey Commissioner

Jeff Havers currently serves as the superintendent of Pemberton Township Schools, located in Burlington County, New Jersey. He has led the nine-school district since February 2020, successfully guiding



Amse Heck
MCEC Ex-Officio Representative

Amse Heck is Chief Advancement Officer at the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC), where she leads fundraising, government affairs, and strategic partnerships to strengthen support for military-connected

its 4,300 students and nearly 800 employees through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and into a new chapter of growth and stability.

Under his leadership, the district was designated as a “High Performing” school district by the 2022-2023 NJQSAC review process.

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children nationwide.

A military spouse and mother of three, Amse brings more than 15 years of leadership experience across mental health, veteran services, and education.

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Trevin Stevens
Communications Associate

Trevin Stevens has joined the MIC3 national office as the Communications Associate. A native of Cape Coral, Florida, he now resides in Johnson City, Tennessee. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Leadership Studies from the University of Richmond in May 2024. During his time at the University of Richmond, Trevin worked as a Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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Kenneth Schmid
Pennsylvania Commissioner

Kenneth Schmid has over two decades of dedicated service to military families, federal workforce development, and child and youth advocacy. He brings a wealth of experience to the Military Interstate Children’s Commission. His career spans key leadership and support roles in the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. role of Pennsylvania Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Navy’s Child Development system—positions that reflect his lifelong commitment to serving those who serve.

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Lisa Helme
Vermont Commissioner

Lisa Helme is the Student Pathways Assistant Division Director at the Vermont Agency of Education (AOE). This division oversees work in curricular standards and teaching practices, after school and expanded learning opportunities, education technology, career and technical education, and adult education and literacy. She has a broad background in communication, education and government service, with more than 20 years of experience working as a public-school teacher and adult educator, developing curriculum and working with diverse groups of people.

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Kyle Repucci
New Hampshire Commissioner

Mr. Kyle Repucci has worked in the field of education for the past twenty-seven years. A proud State Council Member of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) since 2019, Mr. Repucci has consistently demonstrated a commitment to supporting military-connected students and ensuring equitable educational opportunities for all.

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Upcoming Events

Compact 101 Training: Tuesday, October 21, 7 AM ET

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Compact 101 Training: Thursday, November 13, 7 PM ET

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COMPACT 101 TRAINING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

7:00 AM ET

Learn how the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children removes barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families due to frequent moves and deployments during this one hour training.

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