

Military Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children FLORIDA COUNCIL MEETING

April 10, 2026

10:00 am ET

Microsoft Teams meeting

TOPIC	SPEAKER
Call to Order	Dr. Andrew Weatherill, Senior Director, Student Support Services
Welcome	Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Improvement
Message from the Compact Commissioner Purpose of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Council Month of the Military Family Recognition	Col. Terrance J. McCaffrey, USAF (Ret.), Florida MIC3
Supporting Military Families' Transition into Florida's Educational System Update	Dr. Andrew Weatherill, Senior Director, Student Support Services
Purple Star Districts and Schools of Distinction Update	Dr. Andria Cole, Chief, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach
Purple Star School of Distinction Reflection	Karry Castillo, Principal, Quest Elementary School
Updates from the Military Family Education Liaison	Lisa Hill, Military Family Education Liaison
Updates from the National Office	Lindsey Dablow, Deputy Director, MIC3
School Liaison Spotlight	Lisa Hill, Military Family Education Liaison
Updates from the School Liaisons	Patrigna Murphy, Navy Region Southeast School Liaison
Other Business Public Comments/Questions	
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COMPACT COUNCIL MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE
Compact Commissioner Col. Terrance J. McCaffrey, USAF (Ret.)	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Commissioner of Education Designee Dr. Peggy Aune	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Superintendent of district with highest percentage of per capita John Spolski	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Military Family Education Liaison Lisa Hill	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
National MIC3 Office Lindsey Dablow, Executive Director	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Representative from Speaker of House Allison Liby-Schoonover	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Representative from President of Senate Danny Burgess	Present ☐ Not in Attendance ☒
Representative from the Dept. of Defense Rear Admiral John W. Hewitt, Commander, Navy Region Southeast	Present ☐ Not in Attendance ☒
Representative from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Dr. Andrew Weatherill, Student Support Services	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐

SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICERS		ATTENDANCE
NAS Whiting Field	Christopher Hendrix	Present ☐ Not in Attendance ☒
NAS Pensacola	Hannah McCarthy	Present ☐ Not in Attendance ☒
NSA Panama City	Erin Pickard	Present ☐ Not in Attendance ☒
NAS Jacksonville	Teri Wanamaker	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
NS Mayport	Sharon Kasica	Present ☐ Not in Attendance ☒
NAS Key West	Kimberly Fegley	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Navy Region Southeast	Patrigna Murphy	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Hurlburt Field	Dr. McKinley Cross	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Patrick Space Force	Susan Clark	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Tyndall AFB	Mallory Gross	Present ☐ Not in Attendance ☒
Eglin AFB	Elaine Lajeunesse	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Eglin AFB	Margaret Rivera	Present ☐ Not in Attendance ☒
McDill AFB	Dr. Venetia Waters	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
USAG Miami	Garth Gourley	Present ☐ Not in Attendance ☒

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ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES	ATTENDANCE
Kim Brumage, Student Support Services Project, USF/FDOE	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Jessica O'Neal, Student Support Services Project, USF/FDOE	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Dr. Andria Cole, Chief, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach, FDOE	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Cindy Huffman, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach, FDOE	Present ☐ Not in Attendance ☒
Jennifer Darnell, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach, FDOE	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Timothy MacGregor, Director, Office of Military and Defense, FloridaCommerce	Present ☐ Not in Attendance ☒
Jordanne Stark, Florida High School Athletic Association	Present ☒ Not in Attendance ☐
Dwain Cherry, U.S. Coast Guard	Present ☐ Not in Attendance ☒

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Roll Call	Dr. Andrew Weatherill, Senior Director, Student Support Services
Welcome	Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Improvement
Dr. Aune reviewed the meeting agenda.	
Message from the Compact Commissioner	Col. Terrance J. McCaffrey, USAF (Ret.), Florida Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)
- Commissioner McCaffrey stated the purpose of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission. - Dr. Aune announced that Governor DeSantis signed the Month of the Military Family proclamation and it is now posted and available.	
Supporting Military Families' Transition into Florida's Educational System Update	Dr. Andrew Weatherill, Senior Director, Student Support Services
- The Military Student Education Records Training is now available on the FDOE Student Support Services website, along with resources for the Month of the Military Family and Purple Up! Day, which will be observed on April 15, 2026. - Dr. Aune shared that council members will receive the memo regarding the educational records training that was distributed to school districts. - Dr. Weatherill advised that suggestions for the training be sent directly his attention.	
Purple Star Districts and Schools of Distinction Update	Dr. Andria Cole, Chief, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach
- Dr. Cole shared that there are currently 451 Schools of Distinction, 6 districts and 16 colleges recognized with the Purple Star designation. - The next technical assistance meeting will be held on July 28, 2026.	
Purple Star Districts and Schools of Distinction Reflection	Tangela Ramos, Assistant Principal, American Senior High School Sergeant First Class (SFC) Marcia Richardson, ROTC, American Senior High School
- Quest Elementary School in Brevard County, located on the Space Coast, is a K-6 school serving approximately 650-700 students and has earned the Purple Star School of Distinction designation for a second term. Brevard County is also recognized as a Purple Star District. - The school supports military-connected students through strong enrollment and transition communication, counselor-provided resources and peer support from sixth-grade student leaders who help new military students navigate campus routines. - The school celebrates military families through events such as Military Hero Day, Veterans Day activities and recognition ceremonies. Teachers also engage service members by inviting them to participate in classroom activities, including story time.	

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Updates from the Military Family Education Liaison	Lisa Hill, Military Family Education Liaison
During the past quarter, outreach efforts highlighted the importance of school liaisons building connections with Purple Star Schools and Purple Star teachers. Questions/Comments: none	
Updates from the National Office	Lindsey Dablow, Deputy Director
- The MIC3 National Office provided updates on proposed legislation, including the Exchange Council's Act, which could impact state compliance with the Compact. The National Office also announced Purple Up! Day activities scheduled for April 22, 2026. - The April newsletter featured an article on "Military Student Resilience" and shared resources related to supporting military-connected students. - On March 13, 2026, the National Office released a MIC3 Deployment Information and Resources Guide highlighting Compact requirements related to military deployment. - The National Office announced a Lunch and Learn Webinar Series featuring 30-minute sessions focused on successful implementation of the Interstate Compact. Additional information will be shared through the newsletter. Questions/Comments: none	
School Liaison Spotlight	Lisa Hill, Military Family Education Liaison
- Elaine Lajeunesse, a School Liaison with eight years of experience and 13 years in Family Military Readiness, shared best practices for supporting military-connected families. - As a military spouse for 24 years and recipient of the 2020 National Innovating Academic Excellence Award, she emphasized the importance of educating incoming families about the Compact and creating marketing resources to increase awareness and support smooth school transitions.	
Updates from the School Liaisons	Patrigna Murphy, Navy Region Southeast School Liaison
- Since November 2025, 19 Chapter 300 cases have been addressed, with all but two resolved at the lowest level. Cases involved issues such as kindergarten enrollment, immunization requirements and course placement based on transcripts. - Safe Haven Families supported 27 students and their families who repatriated from Naval Support Activity. Despite missing traditional enrollment documents, all students were successfully enrolled in schools across Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Clay and Florida Virtual School. - Concerns were raised regarding delays in providing services for students with disabilities moving to Florida due to parents' military orders. Dr. Aune recommended a meeting to further discuss these concerns and identify opportunities for technical assistance.	
Other Business	
Public Comments/Questions	
None	
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