

# Military Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children FLORIDA COUNCIL MEETING

**January 9, 2026**

**10:00 am ET**

**Microsoft Teams meeting**

| TOPIC                                                                                                                                                                                 | SPEAKER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>Call to Order</b>                                                                                                                                                                  | Dr. Andrew Weatherill, Senior Director, Student Support Services                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Welcome</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Improvement                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Message from the Compact Commissioner</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Purpose of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) Council</b></li> </ul> | Col. Terrance J. McCaffrey, USAF (Ret.), Florida MIC3                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Military Student's Education Records Training Update</b>                                                                                                                           | Dr. Andrew Weatherill, Senior Director, Student Support Services                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Purple Star Districts and Schools of Distinction Update</b>                                                                                                                        | Dr. Andria Cole, Chief, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Florida Collegiate Purple Star Campus Reflection</b>                                                                                                                               | Jon R. Williams, Director, Okaloosa Technical College                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Special Education Program Tiered Level of Support Program</b>                                                                             | Sonia McGonigle, Region EFMP Special Education Liaison for the Commander Navy Region Southeast<br><br>Iana Benjamin, EFMP Special Education Attorney for the Region Legal Services Office Southeast, Department of the U.S. Navy, Office of JAG Corps |
| <b>Updates from the Military Family Education Liaison</b>                                                                                                                             | Lisa Hill, Military Family Education Liaison                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Updates from the National Office</b>                                                                                                                                               | Lindsey Dablow, Deputy Director, MIC3                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>School Liaison Spotlight</b>                                                                                                                                                       | Lisa Hill, Military Family Education Liaison                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Updates from the School Liaisons</b>                                                                                                                                               | Patrigna Murphy, Navy Region Southeast School Liaison                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Public Comments/Questions</b></li> </ul>                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Next Meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>April 10, 2026</b></li> </ul>                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| COMPACT COUNCIL MEMBERS                                                                                                  | ATTENDANCE                                                                             |
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| <b>Compact Commissioner</b><br>Col. Terrance J. McCaffrey, USAF (Ret.)                                                   | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Commissioner of Education Designee</b><br>Dr. Peggy Aune                                                              | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Superintendent of district with highest percentage of per capita</b><br>John Spolski                                  | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Military Family Education Liaison</b><br>Lisa Hill                                                                    | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>National MIC3 Office</b><br>Lindsey Dablow, Deputy Director                                                           | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Representative from Speaker of House</b><br>Allison Liby-Schoonover                                                   | Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Representative from President of Senate</b><br>Danny Burgess                                                          | Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Representative from the Dept. of Defense</b><br>Rear Admiral John W. Hewitt, Commander, Navy Region Southeast         | Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Representative from the Florida Department of Education (FDOE)</b><br>Dr. Andrew Weatherill, Student Support Services | Present <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Attendance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

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

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| <b>Roll Call</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Improvement                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Welcome</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Improvement                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Aune completed the roll call and reviewed the meeting agenda.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Message from the Compact Commissioner</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Col. Terrance J. McCaffrey, USAF (Ret.), Florida MIC3                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioner McCaffrey stated the purpose of the Military Interstate Children's Compact (MIC3) and emphasized its role in supporting the educational needs of children from military families as they transition between school systems.</li> <li>Commissioner McCaffrey shared that on December 9, 2025, he and Lisa Hill, Military Family Education Liaison, had the opportunity to meet with Senators Corey Simon and Danny Burgess to highlight the importance of MIC3 and discuss the need for stable and supportive public school systems.</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Military Student Education Records Training Update</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Dr. Peggy Aune, Vice Chancellor for Strategic Improvement                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Aune announced that the training has been approved for distribution to school districts and will be implemented using a train-the-trainer model. She also shared that, based on feedback received during the previous MIC3 meeting, additional scenarios have been incorporated into the training, with a particular focus on issues related to late high school enrollment.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Purple Star Districts and Schools of Distinction Update</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Dr. Andria Cole, Chief, Bureau of Family and Community Outreach                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting will be held on February 17, 2026.</li> <li>FDOE is preparing to assist 73 schools with renewing their Purple Star Distinction status.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Florida Collegiate Purple Star Campus Reflection</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Jon R. Williams, Director, Okaloosa Technical College                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Okaloosa Technical College primarily serves students in dual enrollment and dropout prevention programs, as well as adult learners in career programs in healthcare, trades and other workforce areas.</li> <li>The college supports military-connected students, with many veterans transitioning to new careers and 25 percent of employees having military backgrounds. The Purple Star distinction demonstrates the college's commitment to understanding and supporting the unique needs of military families.</li> </ul>                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Special Education Program Tiered Level of Support Program</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Sonia McGonigle, Region EFMP Special Education liaison for the Commander Navy Region Southeast</p> <p>Iana Benjamin, EFMP Special Education Attorney for the Region Legal Services Office Southeast, Department of the U.S. Navy, Office of JAG Corps.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Navy Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) provides three tiers of support to assist military families navigating educational and community resources.</li> <li>School Liaisons support families with public school systems, exceptional education services, local policies and referrals to appropriate resources.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case Liaisons provide information, referrals, non-medical case management and support related to Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) and 504 plans, including attending educational meetings in a support role.</li> <li>Tier 2 and Tier 3 enhancements launched in October 2024, with 322 families receiving exceptional education services since implementation began in May 2024.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                       |
| <b>Updates from the Military Family Education Liaison</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Lisa Hill, Military Family Education Liaison          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met with Senators Corey Simon and Danny Burgess, and Representative Dana Trabulsy to share priorities for military-connected students and families across our state.</li> </ul> <p>Questions/Comments: None</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                       |
| <b>Updates from the National Office</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Lindsey Dablow, Deputy Director, MIC3                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trevin Stevens was introduced as the new Communications Associate and will support social media outreach and newsletter communications.</li> <li>The Annual Report was included in the January newsletter, and the Month of the Military Child Toolkit will be featured in the Commissioner's Newsletter in February.</li> <li>Based on feedback from the previous Annual Business Meeting that many families were unfamiliar with the Compact, a webinar will be held in early February to provide information about MIC3. The webinar will be recorded for future access.</li> </ul> <p>Questions/Comments: None</p> |                                                       |
| <b>School Liaison Spotlight</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Lisa Hill, Military Family Education Liaison          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Venetia Waters, the featured spotlight from MacDill Air Force Base in Hillsborough County, was recognized for her extensive experience supporting military families. As the spouse of a military veteran and a parent of four children, she brings a unique understanding of educational transitions, having navigated home, private, public, and international school settings.</li> <li>She currently supports 658 schools in her region and is dedicated to assisting military-connected families.</li> </ul>                                                                                                   |                                                       |
| <b>Updates from the School Liaisons</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Patrigna Murphy, Navy Region Southeast School Liaison |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lacey Allen shared examples of MIC3 support resolving student transfer challenges, including transcript reviews and corrections that ensured accurate course credit, weighting and GPA calculations for military-connected students.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                       |
| <b>Other Business</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Public Comments/Questions</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                       |
| <b>Next Meeting:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 10, 2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                       |