

Kansas Military Children Education Council (KMCEC) Annual Meeting (Virtual) 5.12.2022

Members participating:

- X LTG (Ret) Perry L. Wiggins Governors Military Council
- X Amanda Nonnemaker..... School Liaison Officer, Fort Leavenworth
- X Sandy Johnson..... School Liaison Officer, Fort Riley
- X Greg Martin School Liaison Officer, McConnell AFB
- X Keith Mispagel..... Superintendent USD 207, Fort Leavenworth
- X Reginald Eggleston Superintendent USD 475, Junction City
- X Heather Bohaty..... Superintendent USD 260, Derby
- X Craig Neuenswander..... MIC3 Commissioner, KSDE Deputy Commissioner

Col. John G. Misenheimer, Jr..... Garrison Commander, Ft. Leavenworth

Senator Jeff Longbine Legislative Appointee, Emporia

KMCEC Meeting Summary

Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 9:30 am

MIC3 Business:

1. 1 of 4 Compacts adopted by all 50 states (KS was 1st; 4/9/08)
Never forget, Kansas was #1 to adopt the compact.
2. Annual Business Meeting Briefs and Documents on National website (link below)
3. Kansas Dues for 2021-22 = \$11,176
\$11,658 for 2022-23. Gain of 419 students (4.3%).
Dues are \$1.15 per military student. The State of Kansas builds the Compact annual dues into the budget. That is not the practice in all states.
4. Kansas had no student issues reported to National Office in FY 21 or FY 22.
Typically SLOs, superintendents, or other school district staff are able to resolve issues related to the compact.

MIC3 Annual Business Meeting (Virtual):

1. Annual Report <https://mic3.net/annual-report/>
2. Executive Committee Elections
 - Chair, Laura Anastasio, Connecticut (former vice-chair)
 - Vice-Chair, Ernise Singleton, Louisiana
 - Treasurer, Brian Henry, Missouri
3. Strategic Plan – Year 2 & 3.
All 50 states plus DC now participate in the military compact. With that said, the compact continues to move forward supporting the states, and identifying issues pertinent to the Commission.

4. Children of National Guard and Reserve Covered by Compact?

The Legal Memorandum issued following the ABM was reviewed. The Council was concerned about the possible consequences of opening the Compact for action by all 50 states. The Council continues to believe no further action is necessary by the Commission at this time and no change should be made to the Compact.

5. Discussion was held about the possibility of implementing a statewide Purple Star Schools Program. Committee members believe this could be a valuable program for schools and military families in Kansas. Recognizing that this is not a function of the Compact, several Council members were interested in drafting Purple Star requirements to be presented to the Kansas State Board of Education for consideration. A meeting date was set for those desiring to participate in this process.

6. Because of the equalization factors in Kansas' school finance formula, 70% of federal impact aid has been deducted from state general fund revenue for school districts. While this practice has been approved at the federal level, Kansas is the only state taking this step. The Kansas Legislature acted this spring to eliminate that practice. Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, school districts will keep all of their federal impact aid funds.

National and State Websites:

<http://www.mic3.net/>

<http://www.militarychild.org/>

<http://www.ksde.org/Agency/FiscalandAdministrativeServices/SchoolFinance/MilitaryFamilies.aspx>