

**STATE COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MILITARY CHILDREN**
and
Military Superintendents Liaison Committee

(Combined meeting)

December 3, 2020

0900-1000

Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

Attendees State Council: Andrea Ackerman, Val Nelson, Kristea Francolino, Bob Ross, Laura Anastasio, Miranda Chapman

Attendees MSLC: Groton-Susan Austin, Seth Danner, Kathleen Miner; CMC Faron A. Carhee, Chris Dauphinais, Robert Angeli; Seth Danner, Edward Keleher, Nadine Macklin, Jamie Giordano, Erin McGuire, Denise Doolittle, Kaitlyn O’Leary; Kate Ericson, National Guard - Michelle McCarthy; Coast Guard Academy- LT Adam Gray; Steve Wheeler, Robert Welt.

MSLC

1. The minutes from the 23JAN2020 MSLC were approved.
2. Expansion of tutor.com- Due to the pandemic, all DoD service members, **civilian personnel, and all dependent family members** (kindergarten-college/adult) are eligible to use Tutor.com/military at no cost. Tutor.com provides 1:1 online tutoring 24 hours/day in a variety of subject areas/educational levels. Visit <https://military.tutor.com/home> to sign up. Info and marketing materials will be sent following the minutes.
3. Identification of military-connected families not participating in remote learning- if you have military-connected students who are not connected to/participating in distance learning and are not able to connect with them, please reach out to Miranda Chapman for support in connecting with the families and offering support.
4. School Options: brochures and video submissions- Due to the pandemic, SUBASE will not be able to host the **School Options Fair** this year. As an alternative, Miranda is requesting schools/districts to submit a video/brochure/one-pager highlighting how awesome your school/district is. These will be placed on the Navy Child and Youth Facebook page for parents to view, as well as be housed on the Navy CYP website for incoming parents to view as they research places to reside locally. This is a great opportunity for not only those schools of choice/private schools to solicit students, but for local communities to sell themselves as great places to live and attend school. Submit videos/materials to Miranda at Miranda.chapman@navy.mil
5. Local School Updates
 - a. Susan Austin mentioned a decline in K and PK enrollment this year (similar impact across state); discussion re: impact for next year’s K program and encourage to enroll
6. Upcoming military-related programs or initiatives:
 - a. Military Family Life Counselor (MFLC) program- SUBASE is accepting requests from schools/districts who are interested in having an MFLC embedded in their

school. MFLC are licensed counselors who provide a wide range of support services to military connected students, families, and staff. Please email Miranda if interested. Brochure will be emailed to all.

- b. Anchored 4 Life program- A4L program sites may be available in the upcoming fiscal year. A4L is a peer led comprehensive transition and resiliency club for youth. Please email Miranda if interested. Brochure will be emailed to all.
 - c. PCS and quarantine- upon arrival in CT, families are required to meet the CT quarantine requirements. Please work with families to enroll children promptly and start them as remote learners if possible while they quarantine. Limiting the amount of time students are not connected to learning is priority.
 - d. School platform/status changes- if possible, Miranda would like to be added to schools/districts notification systems to be made aware of changes that may impact students.
7. Members' Concerns, Issues and Other
- a. FLU vaccine and children- the SUBASE medical clinic is unable to provide the vaccine for children over the age of 3. Parents are concerned about meeting the January 1 deadline for their 3 /4 yo children in public school/licensed childcare programs. Local clinics/pharmacies are not providing the vaccine for that age group. Discussion re: options.
 - i. School Based Health Centers- if students attend schools with SBHC, they can receive them there. Contact and register with the SBHC.
 - ii. Hartford Go Health urgent care in NL/Norwich may be option
 - iii. Discussed partnering with CFA to have a community clinic if possible

MIC3 STATE COUNCIL

- 8. The minutes from the October 3, 2019 State Council meeting were approved.
- 9. MIC3 – Update on the MIC3 Task Force appointed to study the Utah proposal to amend the Compact to include National Guard & Reserve relocations under Title 32. Power Point Presentation detailing the Task Forces work and its recommendations regarding how states should move forward with any proposed legislation to include this population of military-dependent students. It is important to avoid amending the actual Compact language in Section 10-15f. Any unilateral change to the Compact could result in the state violating the terms of the original Agreement between the states. The Task Force recommends enacting separate legislation to provide NG&R the same coverage as Active Duty military.
- 10. Student Success Stories – MIC3 is seeking student videos memorializing their experiences with successful education transitions under the Compact. MIC3 will select a number of videos from around the country to show at the next annual business meeting and to use to promote the Compact on its website and in its training materials. This is an exciting opportunity to show the real life impact that the Compact has! Attorney Anastasio will send out to all council members a document detailing the requirements for the videos and the submission deadlines. Please share with you administrators and staff!
- 11. Upcoming meeting dates: due to the intermittent school closures, meetings will likely be in the virtual format.

The next MSLC meeting is TBD- looking at FEB and APR dates. Will also consider ways to have Volunteer Appreciation event in current environment.

Next joint meeting of the State Council and the MSLC will be in April at a date and time to be determined later.

12. Adjournment

The MSLC is a partnership between Naval Submarine Base New London, the US Coast Guard Academy, and local school districts in New London County for the improvement of school transition, as well as the overall academic and school experiences for both military and transient students.