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Dear State Commissioners and Ex-Officio Members,

Military families help sustain our fighting force, on whom we depend for the security and safety of our nation's families and communities. In April, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) – along with many other organizations, non-profits, and public entities – will celebrate the important role of military children while their service member parents are serving the nation. Across the nation, states, communities, and schools celebrate this month in various ways, including wearing the color **purple**. This year, the Commission has selected **Tuesday, April 25th** as our official **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”** day.

Your role as a Compact Commissioner is important in representing military families and children in your member State, and we ask that you:

1. help coordinate and/or support a gubernatorial proclamation designating *April as the Month of the Military Child*. (template attached)
2. help coordinate and/or support a letter/memorandum from your State Superintendent or Commissioner on Education to local school districts encouraging coordination of district or school events. (template attached)
3. attend a school event celebrating **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”**.

Lastly, please inform the national office of your state activities, send a copy of your letter and press release, or event photos so we may publicize your support thorough the MIC3 newsletter, social media, and website.

While our mission is supporting *successful educational transitions*, our Commission values *doing the right thing for children, resolving issues fairly, respect for all, transparency in all we do, and commitment to making a difference*. Please help thank our military children for their strength and sacrifice by supporting **“Purple Up! For Military Kids”** on April 25th – they deserve our support!

Sincerely yours,

Rosemarie Kraeger
Chairman and Rhode Island Commissioner

Did you know?

- according to the Military Child Education Coalition, there are approximately 2 million military children ranging from newborn to 18 years old, of which 1.1 million are school-aged.
- military families frequently move postings on a regular basis, while it is a part of military life, reassessments and deployments can be difficult for military children.
- the average military child will attend 6 to 9 different school systems from kindergarten through twelfth grade, and will likely transfer twice during high school.