

HAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Business Administrator

December 27, 2017

Governor Christopher Sununu State House 107 North Main Street Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Sununu:

On behalf of the New Hampshire Commission for the Military Compact (Title VIII) Council, I respectfully submit an annual report for you review.

The council met in the fall of 2016 and again in the fall of 2017. The council has received updates from the school liaison for military families stationed at the Pease Naval Base. During the past two years the council has grown in composition to ensure that the provision in the compact are met as well as representatives from organizations that support children and their families.

In addition to growing the composition of the council, the members are looking to improve the disbursement of information about the compact to organizations across the state. The compact this year is looking to improve the MIC3 webpage provided at the NHDOE.

Along with having more visibility and information available to the public including public school personnel and organizations, the "Every Student Succeeds Act" requires a military identifier as part of the data collected from school districts. The council is working with the Department of Education to ensure this happens. Currently the State of New Hampshire has approximately 700 children whose parent or guardian is active duty military. The identifier will be very helpful in ensuring the needs of the students are being met as they transition into new school settings.

As the Commissioner for the MIC3, I have represented New Hampshire at the annual national conference meetings with representatives from all of the states as well as various groups who support the work of the compact. I have worked with the DOE to develop a technical assistance brief for school administrators as well as respond to any concerns a family member or military representative may have as a student transitions into educational settings in NH.

In NH I am pleased to report that the issues that may arise in transition such as records, document availability, credit conversions and athletic eligibility are readily addressed and suitable outcomes have resolved any concerns by students and their families.

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Enclosed is a list of the members of the Council as well as the support personnel. We are quite fortunate to have a number of professionals and volunteers committed to supporting our students of active military personnel.

In closing we would like to share two areas that will need solutions.

- How do we all work to meet the needs of our active military. The state as I have come to realize, has several groups working to address the needs of military families (NHDOE and NH DHHS). In some ways the efforts appear to be redundant and a lack of awareness of the mission of each group.
- How does the Council stay abreast of members National Guard who are called to active duty. This is a concern of the Council in order to address any potential needs that may arise for a family.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our students who face the challenges of transitions during their parent's deployment as well as return from active duty.

Respectfully,

Kathleen A. Murphy

Commissioner MIC3

Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Members of the NH State Council Commissioner of Education, Frank Edlelblut Executive Director MIC3, Cherise Imai



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MIC3 Council Membership;

Harold Parker representing the Governor's Office
Rep Russell Ober from Hudson representing the legislative branch

Appointed by Former Governor Hassan;

Kathleen A. Murphy Compact Commissioner, Superintendent of Schools Hampton Jeffery Collins Executive Director NHIAA
Michael Hopkins Superintendent of Schools Rochester
Stephen Szadravec Superintendent of Schools Portsmouth
Heather Gage Director of School Improvement at the Department of Education
Annette Blake President of the NH School Councilors Association

Appointment by the US Department of Defense; Captain David Hunt Commander at the Portsmouth Naval Base

Support Personnel to Council
Kristen Ferullo School Liaison for the Navy

I am requesting the following volunteer be appointed;
Jane Bergeron Beaulieu Executive Director for the Special Education Association

Respectfully Submitted

Kathleen Murphy