

# INTERSTATE COMPACT ON EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Present: Casey, Conway, Todd, Jackson, Beatha, Koch, Carl, Rogers, Evangelista, Decker

## Minutes

Meeting opened at 10:30 AM

1. Discussion of who is a voting member and who additionally should be invited to the MIC3 meetings, possibly the PTA, NYS School Board. Also discussed were the open positions as listed.
  - a. A representative from a military installation appointed by the governor, TBD
  - b. A representative of military families appointed by the governor, TBD
  - c. The temporary president of the senate TBD
  - d. and the governor TBD
2. Discussion of the MIC3 website. Debra Jackson will as MIC3 to update the website following the October 2, 2019 meeting. Questions arose about protocols on a backup to the commissioner. Robert Conway asked that we change his backup status to an educational person. It was noted there can be a designee for all voting members. The group reviewed videos on the website as well as links on the MIC3 website. Of note a link from MIC3 New York directs viewers directly to the New York SED resources.
3. There are Coast Guard installations out there with families like Niagara Falls and Staten Island. The information is not getting to the Superintendents. Parents seem to reach out when they are extremely frustrated. Somehow parents are finding out via their welcome packets or Military One Source. School Counselors have been recently informed. School Boards need to be informed about MIC3.
4. The Compact overrides conflicting regulations regarding immunization. Questions arose about State laws vs The Department of Health on Immunization. Is it 15 days or 30 days of compliance for Immunization? As of June 2020, the law as per the New York Governor, states that students must be immunized within 15 days as opposed to 30 days. The immunization is listed under the FAQs on the MIC3 website for 30 days.
5. New homeschoolers may face issues with being updated on immunizations. CUNY and SUNY mandate all matriculated students to be up to date on immunization.
6. Debra Jackson and Mary Beth Casey attended the September 2020, NYS Council of Superintendents (NYSCOSS) in Saratoga Springs Meeting. Debra Jackson will be writing an article for publication in the NYSCOSS newsletter..

7. NYS to CA case was discussed. It was a case of a mid-year transfer from New York to California. It was concluded that California would give the student credit for the ½ year in NY.
8. JCOPE (Joint Commission on Public Ethics) expects that we complete our Financial Disclosure forms as required. We also need to participate in person or online in the required PD. Debra Jackson stated that all voting members are required to take the ethics course if they have not done so with the other role as a NYS Public employees.
9. We also need to draft a code of conduct. The code of conduct (statement of ethics) can be a 10-12 point aspirational statement for our group. Robert Conway agreed to provide us with a draft to work on.
10. Roundtable Discussion:
  - a. Kindergarten and DODEA New York State transcripts – The age of eligibility; Age 5 by September for DODEA and age 5 by December 1 for New York State. Schools will not umbrella students who transfer in from a parochial school or private school. Private to Public transfer is an issue and these transfers are not covered by the Compact. The issue can be that students who leave NYS and are not Kindergarten age eligible will not be placed in Kindergarten in other States where they do not meet eligibility. NYS be one of four (or five) States that has children entering Kindergarten before the age of 5 years old.
  - b. Communication of MIC3: We need to get the word out to various stakeholders at the schools across NYS. Military dependents have not received awards because a school may expect awardees to be in attendance for 3 to 4 years. Some Counselors do not have this information and therefore cannot accelerate the conversation on MIC3
  - c. Honors & AP credit was again reviewed.
  - d. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra in NYS is Honors, other States consider Algebra standard. Some NYS transfer students may be out of track with these differences.
  - e. Honors or Advanced designations for graduation was discussed.
  - f. Concerns with IB and schools not accepting IB credit if not offered in the transfer school was also discussed.

Meeting adjourned 3:14 pm  
Respectfully submitted Lisa Beatha