MEMORANDUM FOR ALABAMA MILITARY INTERSTATE CHILDREN’S COMPACT

SUBJECT: 4 October 2018 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Major David Carson, Director of Soldier Family Support Division

Dr. Diane Flourney, Superintendent, Daleville City Schools

Kimberly Kozel, School Liaison Officer, Fort Rucker

Dr. Eric Mackey, Alabama State Superintendent of Education

MGEN Sheryl Gordon. Alabama National Guard

Dr. Jeff Langham, Chief of Staff, Alabama State Department of Education

Patrick Mantell, Alabama Military Education Liaison

David Pope, Alternate Alabama Military Education Liaison

Dr. Douglas Ragland, Alabama Commissioner for Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission

Randy Stokes, School Liaison Officer, Maxwell/Gunter

Kelli Hill, Lead Coordinator Alabama National Guard Child Youth School Services

Steve Ingram, Aide to the Adjutant General

1. Welcome/Update - Dr. Douglas L. Ragland, Alabama Commissioner.

* Dr. Ragland opened the meeting at 10:05
* The purpose of our committee is to ensure that military transitions are successful and easy for families.

1. Introductions
2. Message from Alabama Commissioner

* Communications is important
* In 2009, Congressman Craig Ford started the bill
* A lot of superintendents are not aware of the compact and that it’s law, AL code 16-44B-1.

1. Presentation – (Slide presentation attached) Dr. Douglas L. Ragland

* What is the interstate compact?
* What does it do?
  + Boundary disputes
* Enforcement Power
* Demographics
* Mission/Core Values
* Dues

Dr. Ragland asked the committee if they had any objections to raising the dues from $1.00 per child to $1.15 per child.

* Dr. Mackey asked, “Has the amount been raised before? Who pays it?”
* MGEN Gordon asked, “What does it cover?”
* After discussion, the committee had no objections to the raising of dues from $1.00 to $1.15

1. Questions

* Major Carson asked, “Is the compact applicable to Title 32 Soldiers?”
  + Dr. Ragland will get clarification during the national meeting
* Major Carson asked, “Is there any relief for someone who PCSs after the Montgomery magnet school deadline?”
  + Mr. Stokes answered “No.”
* Major Carson asked, “Are moves because of deployment covered?”
  + Dr. Ragland answered, “Yes.”
  + MGEN Gordon commented, “We need to amend the law to include intrastate.”
  + Dr. Ragland will bring up intrastate moves during the national meeting.”
* Dr. Ragland asked, “Does the committee have any issue with meeting once per year as a minimum?”
  + The committee agreed.

1. School Liaison Officers Update- Kimberly Kozel, and Randy Stokes.

* Mr. Stokes shared a case that happened in Autauga County
* Dr. Ragland shared a case with the Alabama High School Athletic Association
* Mr. Stokes noted education has increased so more are aware and getting help.
* Readdressed magnet program in Montgomery
  + Dr. Flourney asked,”How much notice do parents have?”
  + Mr. Stokes responded, “30 days.”
  + Dr. Langham stated this isn’t setting up children for success and he will check into it.
  + MGEN Gordon asked if the date was arbitrary, in which Mr. Stokes answered yes.

1. Discussion

* Dr. Langham asked, “How involved have the school superintendents been?”
  + Dr. Ragland replied, “Not very much. We need to increase their awareness.”
* Mr. Stokes stated that every military student should be identified and that it is not a requirement at every school system in Alabama. When a school system was asked how many military students they had, they had no idea.” Each school system with military children gets “impact aid,’ but the school systems that don’t identify their military children don’t get it.

1. Adjournment

* Dr. Ragland adjourned the meeting at 11:00

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Dr. DOUGLAS L. RAGLAND

Alabama Commissioner for Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission