

STATE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

Douglas School District Administration Office

February 1, 2019

2:00 pm (MT)

Present:

Alan Kerr, State Commissioner

Jonathan Nesladek, SD National Guard

Jacob Garrett, Ellsworth AFB Liaison

Ben Jones, SD Secretary of Dept. of Education (via email)

Jackie McPherson, Recorder

Absent:

Nancy York, SD House Representative

Eric Hresko, EAFB Vice Commander

1. **State Council Organization.** Members were introduced and welcomed to the MIC3 State Council meeting.
2. **Purpose of the Interstate Compact-Key Messages.** Discussed the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and its purpose to address key educational issues military families encounter when transitioning from school to school. All fifty states and the District of Columbia have adopted the Interstate Compact to give consistency for transitioning military dependent students. The Interstate Compact covers children of uniformed services active duty members, National Guard and Reserve members on active duty orders, and up to one year for members/veterans who are medically discharged or retired.
3. **Key Issues Affecting Military Students.** The key issues affecting military students are addressed in Articles IV-VII of the Interstate Compact—Enrollment, Placements and Attendance, Eligibility, and Graduation.
4. **State Council Responsibilities.** The State Council responsibilities are to serve as an advisory and advocacy body; develop policy concerning the Compact within the state; help the State Commissioner; and promote and advocate the Compact to school administrators throughout South Dakota.
5. **State Commissioner's Responsibilities.** The State Commissioner's responsibilities were covered on the national level—National Council and Executive Committee and state level.
6. **What Compact Covers and Doesn't Cover.** Discussed what the Compact covers for military children transitioning from school to school and what it doesn't cover.

7. **MIC3 Website.** The website is www.MIC3.net. It is a great resource including Directory of State Compact Offices, discussion forums, current information and resources available for schools and military families with children.