Military Children Education Council

Agenda

Membership:
X  John Armbrust,  Governors Military Council, 501 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan 66502
A  Jessica Brushwood,  School Liaison Officer, Fort Leavenworth 66027
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X  Amy L. Jensen,  School Liaison Officer, 53147 Kansas Street, McConnell AFB, Wichita 66221
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X  Keith Mispagel,  Superintendent Appointee, 207 Education Way, Fort Leavenworth 66027
X  Craig Neuenswander, Commissioner’s Designee, KSDE Finance Director, 900 SW Jackson Ave., Topeka
A  Corbin Witt,  Superintendent USD 475, 123 N Eisenhower, Junction City  66441
X  Craig Wilford,  Superintendent USD 260, 120 E. Washington, Derby  67037

A=Absent

National Meeting Notes:
All 50 States have joined (KS was the 1st State to adopt.  4/9/08)
1 of 4 Compacts adopted by all 50 states
Can now focus on strategic planning and providing services
By-Laws were amended to add past-chair to exec committee

Legislative Issues:
o  Because of block grants, enrollment counts do not determine funding, including Military 2\textsuperscript{nd} Count.  
  KSDE will continue to identify military students, but it won’t collect a second count.
o  State aid is locked in for next 2 years, regardless of local revenue, including Impact Aid  
  Concerns: This year, US Dept of Ed paid schools several back years of impact aid payments. This  
  increases impact aid and lowers state aid. Next year, districts will receive a normal impact aid  
  distribution, but state aid is locked in at the current year’s number.  Bill Heinen, Keith Mispagel and  
  Corbin Witt plan to meet with the Governor’s staff to talk about the unforeseen consequences in the  
  new block grant formula. The Extraordinary Need State Aid program may be an option to help.  

  New 2016-17 contracts will result in the transfer of additional military families to McConnell. Derby  
  may see an increase in military student enrollment, without any increase in funding.

KSBE Community Conversations
Randy Watson and Brad Neuenswander would like to schedule a meeting with military staff and  
superintendents from military impacted districts to discuss what high school graduates should know and be  
able to do before entering the military. School liaison officers will serve as the contact to schedule  
participants (recruiters, officers, etc.) for this discussion.

April:  Month of the Military Child
Districts have scheduled a wide variety of activities in recognition.  
April 15 is “Purple Up” for Military Kids day.
**Other Issues**

The Compact Rules Desk Reference for Principals will be distributed at budget workshops in June.

Not all states require an IEP for participation in gifted programs. This can create difficulties in providing comparable educational programs for students transferring to Kansas.

The positive benefits of identifying students as children of military families are not understood by all school districts, nor by all parents.

Collecting impact aid applications is a challenge for some districts. Keith Mispagel volunteered to share strategies for accomplishing this task.

**How many military dependent students in Kansas?**

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Check out the National and State Websites.

[http://www.ksde.org/Agency/FiscalandAdministrativeServices/SchoolFinance/MilitaryFamilies.aspx](http://www.ksde.org/Agency/FiscalandAdministrativeServices/SchoolFinance/MilitaryFamilies.aspx)