

## **Kansas Military Interstate Compact Commission (KMIC3)**

**February 8, 2012**

### **Conference Call**

#### Participating:

John Armbrust	Executive Director, Governor's Military Council
Eric Childs	School Liaison Officer, Ft. Riley
Angela Edwards	School Liaison Officer, McConnell AFB
Keith Mispagel	Superintendent, Ft. Leavenworth USD 207
Brad Neuenswander	Deputy Commissioner, Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE)
Craig Neuenswander	Director, LEA Finance, KSDE
Craig Wilford	Superintendent, Derby USD 260

#### Welcome and Introductions:

Brad welcomed everyone and introduced Craig Neuenswander who will be serving as the Commissioner's designee to KMIC3. Brad shared that as the Deputy Commissioner he is unable to attend the annual meeting; therefore, Craig will be assuming the role Brad previously held.

Brad also welcomed Eric Childs who replaced Wynnie Wahlfeldt as the School Liaison Officer at Ft. Riley.

#### KMIC3 Website

Brad reminded members of the website that has been set up for KMIC3:

<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4491>, which includes notes from previous conference calls, meetings, etc., as well as an updated listing of members.

#### Update from MIC3 Annual Conference

Keith Mispagel and Ron Walker attend the Annual Meeting of the Interstate Commission on Education for Military Children in Louisville, KY, November 13-15, 2011. Keith provided an update from the meeting.

- Thirty-one out of the 39 states in the compact were represented.
- Approval of state dues to "reflect a ceiling of \$60,000 to be effective FY13 and that a minimum floor of \$2,000 to be effective FY14."
- A motion was made and then amended that read, "In the case of a kindergarten student the enrolled student must have attended class for at least one school day in the sending state and will be allowed to continue enrollment in kindergarten in the receiving state." There was discussion regarding this motion and the meaning of enrollment; however, it was finally tabled until the 2012 annual meeting.
- The next meeting will be held in Charleston, SC, November 15-17, 2012.

### Sharing

Brad said that the purpose of the Military Interstate Compact Commission is to make the transition of military children going from one state to another as seamless as possible. They do not want to treat military children differently.

Brad also shared that one area that is unique to Kansas deals with gifted students. In Kansas, gifted students are exceptional and have to have an IEP. In other states, gifted education is a program. Military families need to understand that although their child may have been in a gifted program in another state, when the child attends a Kansas school they are not put in a gifted program. The child would have to be tested and would have to meet criteria as being gifted.

John said member may want to watch two bills that are in the legislature. H.B. 2178 deals with educator licenses for military spouses. John shared that he, Ron, Keith and several others testified on behalf of H.B. 2439, which relates to the counting of certain military pupils. Kansas' Military Children's Coalition State Meeting will be held May 1-2, 2012 in Manhattan.

### MIC3 Newsletter

Kansas has been asked to write an article for the MIC3 March newsletter. Brad will work with Ron on the article.

### Closing

If anyone has any concerns, etc., please do not hesitate to contact Brad and/or Craig.