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| <b>I. Call to Order</b>                         | Dawn Wallace, Council Chairperson, Governor's Office  |
| <b>II. Message from Governor Ducey</b>          | Dawn Wallace  |
| <b>III. Message from Superintendent Douglas</b> | Jim Buchanan, Arizona Department of Education   |
| <b>IV. Introduction of Members</b>              | Dawn Wallace<br><i>Members introduce themselves</i>   |
| <b>V. Background on Council/MIC3</b>            | Jim Buchanan and Carmen Ronan, Governor's Office  |
| <b>VI. Discussion of 2016 Study Topics</b>      | Dawn Wallace and Jim Buchanan<br><i>Councilmembers review potential study topics generated by School Liaison Officers and determine topics for Council to address in 2016</i> |
| <b>VII. Next Meeting Date</b>                   | Dawn Wallace  |
| <b>VIII. Public Comments</b>                    | Dawn Wallace  |
| <b>IX. Adjourn</b>                              | Dawn Wallace  |

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## COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

DAWN WALLACE  
Chair  
Arizona Governor's Office

DIANE DOUGLAS  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Arizona Department of Education

MAJ. GEN. SCOTT D. BERRIER  
Commanding General  
Fort Huachuca

COL. RICARDO MARTINEZ  
Commanding Officer  
Marine Corps Air Station Yuma

COL. JAMES P. MEGER  
Commander, 355th Fighter Wing  
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

COL. RANDY MURRAY  
Senior Commander  
U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground

BRIG. GEN. SCOTT L. PLEUS  
Commander, 56th Fighter Wing,  
Luke Air Force Base

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Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

NICOLA WINKEL  
Community Liaison  
Arizona Coalition for Military Families



## OFFICE OF ARIZONA GOVERNOR DOUG DUCEY

April 20, 2016

Councilmembers,

Thank you for being here today to kick off the first meeting of the 2016 State Council on the Education for Military Children (Council). Your service on this Council is paramount to ensuring children of military families in Arizona have the same opportunity to pursue their dreams as their non-military peers.

It is my mission as Governor to ensure that every Arizona child has access to a quality public education, and military children are no exception. Children of military families take on significant challenges due to frequent moves and their concern for family members serving our country. This Council will help ensure military children in our state receive the educational and community support they need to succeed.

As you coordinate with local government, schools, and military installation participation in, and compliance with, the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, your efforts to smooth student transitions associated with relocation will help improve education outcomes and quality of life in our state, particularly for children of military families.

I applaud you for your service to military families and encourage you to bring me any recommendations you believe will improve educational opportunities for the many outstanding military children in our state.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Ducey".

Doug Ducey  
Governor of Arizona



State of Arizona  
Department of Education  
Office of Diane M. Douglas  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

April 20, 2016

Dear Members of the State Council on the Education for Military Children:

Thank you for being here today in support of Arizona's military families. I believe that as Arizonans and Americans, we owe a profound debt of gratitude to the men and women who fight to defend our great state and nation and the freedoms we are so fortunate to enjoy. We also must recognize that the families of active duty military service members have willingly and selflessly carried a heavy burden in support of loved ones who run toward danger, not away from it.

As you know, the children of military families bear their own unique burden; the vast majority of them enroll in an average of seven to nine different schools in different communities during their K-12 school career. This Council was established to guarantee that no military child is placed at a disadvantage simply because their parents have decided to serve our country.

I would like to thank you in advance for collaborating with my designee on the Council, Kristian Fasching, in your efforts. Working together, I know you will ensure that the needs of children in our state's military families are met so that they can enjoy the benefits of an excellent education for as long as they call Arizona home.

Please feel free to contact my office if I can be of any assistance as you engage in this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane M. Douglas".

Diane M. Douglas  
Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction



**Executive Order 2015-03**  
**Executive Order Renewing the “State Council on the Education for Military Children”**  
**Amending and Superseding Executive Order 2012-05**

**WHEREAS**, military families encounter significant obstacles when dealing with enrollment, eligibility, placement, and graduation of their children, due to frequent relocations in the course of service to our country;

**WHEREAS**, currently, 11,617 children from military families attend Arizona K-12 schools;

**WHEREAS**, Arizona strives to be the most military friendly state in the country;

**WHEREAS**, Arizona, along with forty-three other states entered into the “Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children” (Compact) to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby establish the State Council on the Education for Military Children (Council) and order as follows:

1. The Governor shall appoint all members. Membership shall include but is not limited to, the following:
  - a. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee
  - b. A superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children or designee
  - c. The commander, or their designee, from each of the following military installations:
    - i. Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
    - ii. Fort Huachuca
    - iii. Luke Air Force Base
    - iv. US Army Yuma Proving Ground
    - v. Marine Corps Air Station Yuma
  - d. The Adjutant General or designee
  - e. A representative from the Legislative Branch
  - f. A representative from the Executive Branch
  - g. A teacher of a school with a high concentration of military children
  - h. The President of the Arizona Board of Regents or designee
  - i. A parent of a military family stationed in Arizona
2. The Governor shall select one member of the Council to serve as Chairperson.
3. The Council shall, pursuant to ARS 15-1911, provide for the coordination among agencies of local government, local education agencies and military installations concerning the state’s participation in, and compliance with, the Compact and the “Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children” activities.
4. The Council shall provide a forum for military families to discuss the unique issues that their children face in school.
5. The Council shall provide recommendations to the Governor on ways to assist military families and their children with the goal of easing their transitions during deployments and relocations.
6. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
7. The Chairperson may form an executive committee or other committees, as necessary.

8. The Council shall meet to conduct its affairs at least two times each year.
9. The status of the Council shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 2016 to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



*Janet N. Nunez*

**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twelfth day of March in the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Ninth.

**ATTEST:**

*Michelle Reagan*

**Secretary of State**



# STATE COUNCIL ON THE EDUCATION FOR MILITARY CHILDREN

April 20, 2016



# Message from Governor Ducey

DAWN WALLACE, COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

*Governor's Office*



# Message from Superintendent Douglas

JIM BUCHANAN

*Arizona Department of Education*



# Introduction of Members

DAWN WALLACE

*Governor's Office*

# Background on Council/MIC3

JIM BUCHANAN

*Arizona Department of Education*

CARMEN RONAN

*Governor's Office*

# Background on MIC3

- Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Goal: replace widely varying policies affecting transitioning military students with consistent policy in every school/state
- Not intended to impact curriculum or local standards
  - ▣ Recognizes responsibility of states and LEAs

# Background on MIC3

- Addresses key transition issues (in public schools):
  - Enrollment
    - Educational Records
    - Immunizations
    - Kindergarten & First Grade Entrance Age
  - Placement and Attendance
    - Course & Educational Program Placement
    - Special Education Services
    - Placement Flexibility
    - Absence Related to Deployment Activities
  - Eligibility
    - Eligibility for Student Enrollment
    - Eligibility for Extracurricular Participation
  - Graduation
    - Waiving courses required for graduation if similar course work has been completed
    - Flexibility in accepting state exit or end-of-course exams, national achievement tests, or alternative testing in lieu of testing requirements for graduation in the receiving state
    - Allowing a student to receive a diploma from the sending school instead of the receiving school

# Background on MIC3

## □ Background

- Developed by DoD with assistance of Council of State Governments
- Implemented nationally by Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)
- Governing Commission first meeting Oct. 2008
- All 50 states and District of Columbia have adopted Compact
- To read full Compact visit: [www.mic3.net](http://www.mic3.net) → Helpful Links → MIC3 Rules

# MIC3 State Governance

- Each State has:
  - State Commissioner
    - Primary point of contact for all Interstate business
    - Ensures compact mission & purpose are promoted
    - Ensures State Council is functioning
  - State Council
    - Advisory and advocacy body
    - May be tasked with development of policy concerning operations and procedures of the Compact within that state
    - Promote and advocate the Interstate Compact
  - Military Family Education Liaison
    - State Council appoints liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of the Compact

# MIC3 in Arizona

- State Commissioner – Jim Buchanan, ADE (Superintendent’s Designee)
- State Council – Arizona State Council on the Education for Military Children
  - ▣ Arizona adopted Compact in 2008 with enactment of A.R.S. § 15-1911
  - ▣ State Council was established in 2012 under Executive Order 2012-05 pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-1911
    - Mission: To resolve transition-related issues that military families face through coordinated efforts of Arizona’s education leaders and military installation commanders
  - ▣ Council renewed by Governor Doug Ducey with [Executive Order 2015-03](#)

# MIC3 in Arizona

## □ Council Purpose

- Ensure no military child residing in Arizona is placed at an undue educational disadvantage in relation to their non-military peers

## □ Council Responsibilities (per EO 2015-03)

- Coordinate local government, LEA, and military installation participation in, and compliance with, the Compact
- Provide a forum for military families to discuss unique issues their children face in school
- Provide recommendations to the Governor on ways to assist military families and their children with the goal of easing their transitions during deployments and relocations
- Meet twice a year

# MIC3 in Arizona

- Membership of Arizona State Council on the Education for Military Children includes at least the following:
  - Superintendent of Public Instruction/designee
  - A superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children/designee
  - The commander, or their designee, from each of the following military installations:
    - Davis-Monthan Air Force Base
    - Fort Huachuca
    - Luke Air Force Base
    - US Army Yuma Proving Ground
    - Marine Corps Air Station Yuma
  - The Adjutant General/designee
  - A representative from the Legislative Branch
  - A representative from the Executive Branch
  - A teacher of a school with a high concentration of military children
  - The President of the Arizona Board of Regents or designee
  - A parent of a military family stationed in Arizona

# Previous Arizona State Council

## □ Issue areas addressed by previous Council:

- Communication
- Athletics/Intramural Sports
- Eligibility for Extracurricular Participation
- GPA Calculation

- Information Dissemination Prior to Transferring
- Arizona Education Standards – Incoming/Outgoing
- Student Data
- Special Education Enrollment
- Residency Form

## □ Past Outputs (2014)

- Informational Website: <https://azmilitaryed.az.gov/>

# Current Arizona State Council Membership

Position Required by EO	Name	Title
State Superintendent of Public Instruction/Designee	Principal: Diane Douglas Designee: Jim Buchanan	(Principal) Superintendent of Public Instruction
School District Superintendent (high concentration of military children)	Bonnie Austin	Superintendent, Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District
Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Commander	Col James P. Meger	355th Fighter Wing Commander
Fort Huachuca Commander/Designee	Principal: Maj. Gen. Scott D. Berrier Designee: Jeff Jennings	(Principal) Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence & Fort Huachuca
Luke Air Force Base Commander/Designee	Principal: Brig. Gen. Scott L. Pleus Designee: Col James K. Kossler	(Principal) Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base
US Army Yuma Proving Ground Commander/Designee	Principal: Col. Randy Murray Designee: Gordon K. Rogers	(Principal) Senior Commander, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground
Marine Corps Air Station Yuma Commander	Col Ricardo Martinez	Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma
Adjutant General	Major General Michael McGuire	Adjutant General, Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

# Current Arizona State Council Membership

Position Required by EO	Name	Title
Legislative Branch	Senator Steve Smith	State Senator
Legislative Branch	Representative Sonny Borrelli	State Representative
Executive Branch	Dawn Wallace	Education Policy Advisor to Governor Doug Ducey
Teacher (from school with high concentration of military children)	Jennifer Pennington	Teacher, Gila Ridge High School
ABOR President	Eileen Klein	President, Arizona Board of Regents
Parent of military family	MSgt Moya Jones	Parent from Davis-Monthan AFB
	Nicola Winkel	Community Liaison, Arizona Coalition for Military Families

# Website Update

- New Website: <http://education.azgovernor.gov/emc>





# Discussion of 2016 Study Topics

DAWN WALLACE, COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

*Governor's Office*

JIM BUCHANAN

*Arizona Department of Education*

# Study Topics

- Educational outreach of Interstate Compact in Arizona
  - How to engage school Superintendents, Principals & guidance counselors to achieve greater awareness and understanding of Compact throughout the state
- Valedictorian selection
  - Military graduating seniors facing challenges when in the running for class Valedictorian
  - Some districts do not have a written policy on how Valedictorians are selected (authority given to individual LEA)
  - Should there be district-wide or statewide policies?
- Recruiting and retaining highly qualified teachers in heavily impacted military classrooms
  - With highly mobile lifestyle, military children benefit from consistent teachers who act as role models
  - Many classrooms being taught by long-term substitute teachers

# Study Topics

- IEP service issues
  - Upon arriving in Arizona, schools should honor military student's previous IEP until they reevaluate the student
  - Families reporting gaps in service - schools not sticking to their IEPs, students not getting services
  - How to ensure quality, comprehensive new IEPs are created in Arizona LEAs
- Teaching certificates for military spouses
  - Military spouses find fulfilling certification requirements overwhelming due to different requirements between states
  - What can be done to facilitate the process for military spouses willing to teach in a district that struggles to keep teachers
- Open Enrollment & School Choice
  - Military families trying to enroll students in schools of their choice outside of normal enrollment period have difficulty accessing educational options

# Informational Topics

- How inconsistency in education requirements/ standards/ policies impact military families
- Impact of assessment tool changes on incoming and outgoing families
- Why Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards are important for military students
- Military Flag Status for outset of 2016-17 School Year
- Success stories/case studies of MIC3 applied in Arizona



## Next Meeting Date

DAWN WALLACE, COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

*Governor's Office*



# Public Comments

DAWN WALLACE, COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

*Governor's Office*



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