

# **Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children *State Councils***

## ***Connecticut***

The members of the Connecticut State Council are as follows:

- **Mark K. McQuillan**, Compact Commissioner, Connecticut State Department of Education
- **Christopher Clouet**, Superintendent, New London Public Schools
- **James Mitchell**, Superintendent, Groton Public Schools
- **Valerie Nelson**, Assistant Principle, Charles Barnum School
- **Senator Andrew Maynard**, Assistant Majority Whip, Connecticut State Senate
- **Representative Ernest Hewitt**, Connecticut House of Representatives
- **Captain Mark Ginda**, Commanding Officer, Naval Submarine Base NLOA
- **Justin Bernier**, Executive Director, Office of Military Affairs
- **Elizabeth Gianacoplos**, Groton Board of Education Member
- **Ann Clark**, President, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents
- **Shelia McKay** (non-voting participant), Connecticut Association of Boards of Education
- **Laura Anastasio** (non-voting participant), Attorney, Connecticut State Department of Education

All members were appointed by the Commissioner of Education with consultation and approval from the Governor's office. Currently there are no term limits set for council members. The Connecticut State Council held its first meeting November 20, 2008. While not all members were present, the group discussed the role of the State Council, reviewed the language of the compact, and discussed rules suggestions. The council has not yet appointed a Military Family Liaison. They expect to address that appointment at their next scheduled meeting in February, 2009.

## ***Delaware***

Delaware's State Council of the Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunities for Military Children held its first meeting January 7, 2008. The agenda for the first meeting focused on identifying potential council members and preparing for the February 12 rules committee call. While the entire council will not be identified until Governor Markell assumes office January 20 and appoints a new Secretary of Education, Commissioner Haberstroch has begun to identify potential council members based on the requirements set forth in the passage of Delaware's legislation last session. Some potential members include the Secretary of Education, the superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children, a representative from a military installation, a member from both the executive and legislative branches of governments, and other stakeholders the State Council deems appropriate.

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The members of the Florida State Council are as follows:

- **Dr. Eric Smith**, Commissioner of Education
- **Kaye McKinley**, Deputy Superintendent, Okaloosa County School District
- **Fred Fallman**, Deputy Director, 6<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group, MacDill Air Force Base
- TBD, appointee by Commissioner of Education of executive branch representative (waiting on recommendation of Governor's staff)
- TBD, appointee of President of the Senate
- TBD, appointee of Speaker of the House of Representatives
- **Spessard Boatright**, Compact Commissioner (ex officio)
- TBD, Military Family Education Liaison (ex officio – designated by Governor after establishment of State Council)

Florida state law determined the make-up of the council and also gave certain positions the authority to have a designee serve in their place. The two members appointed by the Commissioner of Education shall serve for 4 years, except that initial appointments will be one person for 2 years and one person for 3 years. The two members appointed by legislators serve at the pleasure of these legislators. The superintendent position changes as the highest percentage per capita of military children during the previous school year changes from one district to another. The Commissioner of Education and ex officio members' term lengths are not specified. Once the final few appointments are made the Florida Council will hold its first meeting.

## *Kansas*

The members of the Kansas State Council are as follows:

- **Alexa Posny**, Commissioner of Education
- **Brad Neuenswander**, Finance Director (Commissioner's Official Designee for Kansas)
- **John Armbrust**, Executive Branch, Exec. Dir. Governor's Military Council
- **Ron Walker**, Superintendent USD 475 (Geary Co. – Ft Riley)
- **Debra Baeuchle**, Superintendent USD 207 (Ft. Leavenworth)
- **Donna Shinn**, Ft. Leavenworth Child Development Center
- **Dennis Chrisco**, McConnell AFB, Community Readiness Consultant  
School Liaison Officer Airman and Family Readiness Center
- **Ann Gordon**, Ft. Riley - Ft Riley School Liaison Officer
- LTC David Chase Ft Riley
- TBD, appointee of legislature (January 2009)

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The positions were filled by the Governor's Office, with assistance from the Kansas Commissioner of Education and each member will serve as long as they hold their current position. At this point all members have been appointed except for a member from the Legislative branch. That will occur when the state Legislature reconvenes in January, 2009. Kansas already held its first State Council meeting in October prior to the first commission meeting in Phoenix. During that meeting Ann Gordon of Ft. Riley agreed to serve as the state's Military Family Education Liaison. Several issues surrounding rules were also discussed during the first meeting. A second meeting of the council is planned for late January to discuss rules in more detail.

### ***Michigan***

Michigan is planning their first State Council meeting for mid to late January prior to the rules committee meeting via conference call. Commissioner Mike Peplinski and Tom Bell have been working with Governor Granholm's office to discuss and identify potential council members. Tom Bell will provide the entire group an update once Michigan has named all of the members of its council.

### ***Missouri***

Missouri is in the midst of a gubernatorial transition and no further appointments beyond Commissioner King have been made. It is unlikely any appointments will be made until Governor Nixon assumes office.

### ***North Carolina***

Nearly all of North Carolina's State Council has been identified. Their names are as follows:

- **Dr. June Atkinson** – Superintendent, N.C. Department of Public Instruction
- **Dr. Kathy Spencer** – Superintendent, Onslow County Schools (superintendent of a local school district with a high concentration of military children)
- **Mr. Robert Freeman**, Seymour Johnson AFB, School Liaison Officer (representative of at least one N.C. military installation)
- **Mr. Stephen Halkiotis**, Orange County Board of Education (Representative of the N.C. School Boards Association)
- **Mr. Kirk Denning**, Principal, Johnston County Schools (Representative of the N.C. Association of School Administrators)
- **Senator Vernon Malone** (Member appointed by the N.C. General Assembly upon the recommendation of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate)

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- **Representative Rick Glazier** (Member appointed by the N.C. General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives)
- **Mr. David Phillips**, Compact Commissioner, Attorney, Cumberland County Board of Education
- Representative of the Executive Branch - will be added based on Governor-elect Beverly Purdue's input after January
- Appointed by the Council: Military Family Education Liaison, TBD

These positions were determined by North Carolina General Statute 115C-407.5, Article VIII. The Department of Public Instruction made the choices with approval to be given by the State Board of Education at its next meeting. The State Council will hold its first official meeting at the beginning of February to discuss organization, function, and discuss the promulgation of rules in advance of next month's call.