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- x Reginald Eggleston ..... Superintendent USD 475, Junction City
- x Heather Bohaty..... Superintendent USD 260, Derby
- x Craig Neuenswander..... MIC3 Commissioner, KSDE Deputy Commissioner

# KMCEC AGENDA

**Conference call on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 - 10:00 am**

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## National Meeting Notes:

1. 1 of 4 Compacts adopted by all 50 states (KS was 1<sup>st</sup>; 4/9/08)
  
2. Annual Business Meeting – Virtual  
<https://mic3.net/2020-annual-business-meeting/>  
National conference -  
Annual Report  
[https://mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1-MIC3\\_Annual\\_Report\\_2020-digital\\_FINAL.pdf](https://mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/1-MIC3_Annual_Report_2020-digital_FINAL.pdf)
  - a. Executive Committee Elections
    - Chair: John I. “Don” Kaminar (AR)
    - Vice Chair: Laura Anastasio (CT)
    - Treasurer: Craig Neuenswander (KS)
  
    - National Office Staff: Cherise Imai, Executive Director  
Lindsey Dablow, Training and Operations Associate
  
  - b. Strategic Plan – Year 2  
Communications and strengthening ties with other organizations is a primary focus for the coming year. The full Strategic Plan is available on the MIC3 website.  
<https://mic3.net/strategic-plan/>
  
  - c. Children of National Guard and Reserve Covered by Compact?  
[https://mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/NGRTF-Paper\\_FINAL\\_20201002-1.pdf](https://mic3.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/NGRTF-Paper_FINAL_20201002-1.pdf)  
The Council discussed the possible addition to the Compact of children of National Guard and Reserve soldiers. This change has been studied on the national level and recommendations from state councils were requested by August 31. The Council did not reach a recommendation and will meet again prior to August 31 for further discussion.

d. Additional ABM Briefs and Documents on National website:

<http://www.mic3.net/2018-annual-meeting.html>

3. Kansas had no student issues reported to National Office in FY 2020.

4. Kansas Dues for 2020-21 = \$11,410

\$11,830 in 2019-20. Represents a decline of 365 students (3.7%).

5. Purple Star Schools –

<https://www.militarychild.org/purplestarschools>

<https://www.niche.com/blog/what-is-a-purple-star-school/>

Discussion was held on Purple Star schools, with the understanding that this is not a function of MIC3. There was interest from members of the Council in pursuing this option, outside the KMCEC. Dr. Eggleston has done some preliminary work with this program and agreed to share his materials with other members of the Council.

#### **Other Issues:**

1. TROOPS TO TEACHERS PROGRAM

Kansas State University has a grant program that can help finance troops to become teachers at any university.

2. TEACHER LICENSURE

The turnaround time for teacher licensure can be a deterrent for retiring soldiers and spouses of current soldiers moving into the state. The Kansas State Department of Education is working to automate the process further to help improve this issue.

3. IMPACT AID LAW

Kansas has an equalized state aid formula for education based in part on property valuation. As a result, federal regulations direct that a portion of Impact Aid is calculated as state aid in the school finance formula. This is different than the majority of states. Dr. Mispagel shared information with the Council for discussion with potential adjustments.

#### **National and State Websites:**

<http://www.mic3.net/>

<http://www.militarychild.org/>

<http://www.ksde.org/Agency/FiscalandAdministrativeServices/SchoolFinance/MilitaryFamilies.aspx>