

**Agenda**

Membership:

- X John Armbrust, Governors Military Council, 501 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan 66502
- A Jessica Brushwood, School Liaison Officer, Fort Leavenworth 66027
- X Sandy Johnson, School Liaison Officer, 6620 Normandy Drive, Fort Riley 66442
- X Amy L. Jensen, School Liaison Officer, 53147 Kansas Street, McConnell AFB, Wichita 66221
- A Senator Jeff Longbine, Legislative Appointee, 2801 Lakeridge Road, Emporia 66801
- X Keith Mispagel, Superintendent USD 207, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>nd</sup> 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?**

2013 = 14,186;

2014 = 13,777;

2015 = 13,277

Check out the National and State Websites.

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

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

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