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April is the Month of the Military Child. During April, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) along with many other organizations, non-profits, and public entities will underscore the important role children play in the Armed Forces community. Our military children and families help sustain our fighting force, on whom we depend for the security and safety of our nation's families and communities. It is important to emphasize and recognize the role that military children play while their service member parents are serving the nation. The MIC3 is committed to resolving the educational transition issues that are faced by these children and their families.

April 21<sup>st</sup> is **"Purple Up! For Military Kids"** day. Across the nation, people are being encouraged to show support for our military and veteran children and to thank them for their strength and sacrifices. Please check for events in your area for celebrating during this month.

Military families move between postings on a regular basis. While a part of military life, reassignments and deployments can be difficult for the children of military families. The average military student faces transition challenges more than twice during high school, and most military children will attend six to nine different school systems in their lives from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The Interstate Compact seeks to make these transitions easier for the children of military families, so they are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals.

As part of the Interstate Compact, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission was established. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have adopted the Compact and placed it in statute. These member states have formed their State Councils to inform their school districts of the terms of the Compact. Educational efforts for school personnel, as well as military families, are ongoing so they may work together to ensure the educational success of our military children.

Please take time this month to recognize the service of our military members and their families – and especially their children. They deserve our support!

Sincerely,



Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent  
Middletown Public Schools  
Commission Past Chairman  
MIC3 Commissioner – Rhode Island

#### Did you know?

- According to the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMC) Active Duty Family Report – As of July 2020, there were 1,001,559 military-connected children aged 5-18 years old in the United States.