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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents  
Public School Academy Administrators  
Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction 

SUBJECT: Military Connected Children

Thank you to those districts that submitted reports on their military-connected students during the past three years. Those efforts have helped to identify and assist students who face challenges associated with having a parent in the military. Military connected children often experience frequent moves and family separations that make life challenging.

Although the Michigan Department of Education will not be collecting student data this year, Michigan still has children and families that are affected by military deployments. There are many ways that schools can recognize and support military-connected students. In addition to MDE's compilation of [Web Resources for Teachers and School Administrators](#), the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) has resources that can be found at their website, <http://www.militaryk12partners.dodea.edu/>, including the Students at the Center guidebook, a research-based grant program, and professional development for military-connected local education agencies and school liaisons.

If you have any questions about this endeavor, please contact Louis Burgess, Assistant Director, Office of School Support Services, at [burgessl@michigan.gov](mailto:burgessl@michigan.gov) or 517-373-4337.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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