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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Mike Flanagan, State Superintendent 

SUBJECT: "Month of the Military Child"

Every April, children of military families across the country are recognized during the "Month of the Military Child." The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) joins the federal Departments of Education and Defense in recognizing the contributions that military children make while their parents and guardians serve our nation.

I am grateful to all of our districts that took the time to submit a MEGS+ report on their military-connected students. Our collective efforts have identified 4,300 Michigan students who face challenges associated with having a parent in the military. Frequent moves and family separations can make life more challenging for the military child. During this Month of the Military Child, communities are asked to recognize these children and honor their resilience and ability to deal with life changing events.

There are many ways that schools can recognize 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 or 517-373-4337.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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