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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, Principals, and School Counselors

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction 

SUBJECT: Supporting the Children of Guard and Reserve Institute Training

The Michigan Department of Education is supporting Operation Military Kids Michigan. This is a collaborative effort among Michigan State University Extension's 4-H Program, the Michigan National Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA and the American Legion **to help educators recognize and deal with issues and problems facing children of deployed servicemen and women.** The Military Child Education Coalition will conduct 2, two-day sessions: November 17-18 in Traverse City and November 20-21 in Marquette. The registration form for each session is attached.

Brigadier General (Retired) Keith Martin, the project manager, said "Michigan Guard and Reserve servicemen and women are deployed in large numbers, serving alongside their Active Component comrades in the Global War on Terror and in disaster relief efforts here at home. These extended call-ups leave 'suddenly military' children on the home front; often in communities and schools far from support networks of major military installations. Martin added, "We greatly appreciate the assistance of the Michigan Department of Education, National Guard and the entire Operation Military Kids team in making this training possible."

I encourage you to send a representative from your school district, such as a social worker, counselor, or school nurse to this unique training opportunity. The Department of the Army Community and Family Service Center funds the Institute, so districts are responsible only for travel, lodging, and meals.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. David Ratajik at 517-373-9732 or email ratajkd@michigan.gov.

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Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©

Military Child Education Coalition™

Registration Form – November 17-18, 2008 Traverse, Michigan

The Military Child Education Coalition's™ **Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©** is a professional development program for educators and professionals to reach out in a support network to the children and families of the National Guard and Reserve. The conference includes two continental breakfasts, two lunches, two break refreshments and conference materials (no registration, meal, or resource material cost to participants). The curriculum, content, process, and delivery are correlated with the National Staff Development Council's Standards and the National Standards for School Counseling Programs. Because the Institute is very interactive and participation is required to fully benefit from this training, participants must commit to attend both days.

Date: November 17-18, 2008 (training is a two-day session (12 full seat hours required for institute credit – attendance both full days required – no partial attendance accepted)

Training: Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©

Location: Holiday Inn West Bay – Traverse City

615 East Front Street
Traverse City, Michigan 49686
231-947-3700

Time: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm (registration and continental breakfast at 8:00 am)

Deadline for registration: November 7, 2008 Register on line at <http://www.militarychild.org/Institutes.asp>

Cost: None - The Institute is sponsored by the Michigan National Guard and supported and endorsed by the Michigan Department of Education. Participants are responsible for travel and overnight accommodations.

For your information, educational credits are available. Fees are to be paid at the G&R Institute.
1.2 Continuing Education Credit through IACET, certification costs \$25.00
1 Graduate Credit through a branch of Texas A & M University costs \$175.00

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Title/Assignment: _____

District & School Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Register on line at <http://www.militarychild.org/Institutes.asp> or fax registration to 254-953-1925.

Attn: Linda Neault.

Confirmation: You will receive an email confirmation, within 10 business days. Please make sure you have received confirmation in order to ensure you are registered.

For more information about the **Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©**, please contact Linda Neault at 254-953-1923 or Linda.Neault@MilitaryChild.org

Disclaimer

I understand that participants are required to attend both full days of training. No partial attendance is accepted due to conformance with IACET standards.

Printed Name (as will appear on certificate)

Signature

Date



Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©
Military Child Education Coalition™
Registration Form – November 20-21, 2008 Marquette, Michigan

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Date: November 20-21, 2008 (training is a two-day session (12 full seat hours required for institute credit – attendance both full days required – no partial attendance accepted))

Training: Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute©

Location: Marquette – Alger RESA
 321 East Ohio Street
 Marquette, Michigan 49855

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 am)

Deadline for registration: November 7, 2008 Register on line at <http://www.militarychild.org/Institutes.asp>

Cost: None - The Institute is sponsored by the Michigan National Guard and supported and endorsed by the Michigan Department of Education. Participants are responsible for travel and overnight accommodations.

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