

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education



**DC Educational Opportunity for Military Children State Coordinating Council**

**Monday, October 5, 2015 | 2:00pm**

**John A. Wilson Building, Suite 307**

**Members in Attendance:**

- Tomeika Bowden | Communications Director, PCSB
- Yuliana Del Arroyo | Director of Special Programs, OSSE
- Regional School Liaison Officer (RSLO) Daniel Dunham | USN
- Zaneta Graves | Director, Strategic Enrollment Initiatives, DCPS
- Steve Hogan | Executive Director, Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Taneka Miller | Policy Advisor, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education
- Bobby Patton | OSSE
- Scott Pearson | Executive Director, DC Public Charter School Board
- Catherine Peretti | Executive Director, My School DC
- Margie Yeager | Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education

**Purpose:**

This meeting is a regularly scheduled convening of the DC Council on the Interstate Compact of Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

**Agenda/Minutes:**

- I. Introductions & Welcome
- II. Recap of Last Meeting (Margie Yeager)
- III. Enrollment Policy Update (Catherine Peretti)
  - The My School DC team is implementing several changes to their processes, which will be fully rolled out for the 2016 – 2017 SY. Beginning, however, this year, the post-lottery period will now be extended and will remain open through December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This change will benefit military families who have moved to the area since the beginning of the current school year.
- IV. Enrollment Policy Update (Zaneta Graves)

- DCPS will also be implementing changes in policy that directly impact military families. Under a new directive from the chancellor, the DCPS Student Enrollment Team will work directly with families and schools to place new students housed on Barracks Row, JBAB, and Fort McNair at the buildings of their choice, pending available seats.

V. Pending Legislation Update (Taneka Miller)

- The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education has asked for legislation on a charter school military preference to be introduced to the City Council this month. Ranked at the same level as a sibling preference, this voluntary option would allow charter schools to provide an option specifically for active duty military families on the My School DC application.

VI. OSSE Military Family Webpage (Bobby Patton)

- The members of this council have been asked to offer feedback and suggestions on a new, OSSE-sponsored military family webpage. The goal of the new site would be to provide military families a “one-stop shop” with which they may learn more about their options for enrolling their child(ren) in school.

VII. JBAB Bus Service Changes (RNO Daniel Dunham)

- Due to budget cuts, the School Bus Transportation Program established for children living on JBAB has discontinued service to certain schools; decisions on which routes were cancelled were made after feasibility research determined that transit time, distance, and JBAB student enrollment deemed some routes economically and logistically untenable.

VIII. Impact Aid (RNO Daniel Dunham)

- A brief discussion regarding DOD Impact Aid was had, wherein questions regarding the level and amount of these funds are received by DCPS and DC public charter schools each year.

IX. Military Identifier (RNO Daniel Dunham)

- The notion of a military identifier was brought up multiple times in the meeting, as some proof of military affiliation would be required for students to use the potential charter preference; moreover, a military identifier would also help to properly resource schools with large populations of dependent children.