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State Board Resolution Supports Month of the Military Child

LITTLE ROCK — The State Board of Education passed a resolution today supporting April as the Month of the Military Child.

April was nationally designated as the Month of the Military Child to honor children whose families serve in the military. Military children face unique challenges related to military transitions and parental deployments.

Currently, more than 9,000 Arkansans serve in the armed forces, with more than 3,700 military children attending public schools.

As a part of the month-long recognition, April 13 to 17 is designated as Purple Up! For Military Kids! Groups around the country will honor military children by wearing purple.

Arkansas recently joined the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, a national organization that helps military children during transitions. The Arkansas State Council for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children addresses key educational transition issues such as enrollment, placement and attendance that military families encounter.

To learn more about the Month of the Military Child, as well as the Arkansas compact, go to <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/legal/arkansas-state-council-for-the-interstate-compact-on-educational-opportunity-for-military-children>.

Pictures from today's State Board resolution are available at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/photo-gallery/album/62>.

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