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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

IMHD-MWC

05 October 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Installation Child, & Youth Services (CYS) Schools Council Meeting (SCM)
Minutes, 04 October, 2017.

1. The Schools Council Meeting convened at 1000 on 04 OCT 17, led by Mr. Nicholas Johnsen, Director of FMWR, at the Community Events Center, Fort Hood, Texas.

2. Attendees:

COL Perry, Henry C., Jr.	Garrison Commander
Johnsen, Nicholas R.	Director, FMWR
Westbrook, Lorenzo J.	Deputy Director, FMWR
Curtis, Sheila R.	Chief, Child & Youth Services (CYS)
Martinez, Regina	Parent & Outreach Services Administrator
Davenport, Elizabeth	CYS School Liaison Officer
Jones, Terri	CYS School Liaison Officer
Salinas, Angelica	CYS School Liaison Officer
Bleakley-Sias, Kim	CDS Administrator
Nuttall, Tamara	Lead Training Specialist, CYS
McIntire, Elizabeth	Parent & Outreach Services Admin Assistant
Brown, Brenda	SKIES Manager/Usher
Miller, Summer	Acting Special Needs Director, CYS
Samide, Chelsey	Outreach Services Assistant Director/Usher
Dr. Stewart, Desmontes	Deputy Superintendent, Killeen ISD
Wilkerson, Angenet	Director of Community Relations, Killeen ISD
Glendening, Sharon	MCEC Military Student Transition Consultant
Dr. Lawrason, Paula	Director of Special Education, Killeen ISD
Dr. Novotny, Michael	Superintendent Salado ISD
Dr. Battershell, Robin	Superintendent, Temple ISD
Dr. Muller, Robert	Deputy Superintendent, Belton ISD
Kirkpatrick, Rick	Deputy Superintendent, Copperas Cove ISD
Dr. Rascoe, Chane	Superintendent Lampasas ISD
Williams, Beverly	Exceptional Family Member Program
Engen, Mike	Education Services Officer
MAJ Norwood, Jason	Deputy Director of Ready and Resilient (R2)
MAJ Chiles, Daniel	Director, School Based Health Clinics
Rogers, Lisa	Region 12

Ballantyne, John	Military Child Education Coalition
Ashley, Heather	Public Affairs Officer
Luciano, Christine	DPW Environmental
Miller, Stephanie	School Behavioral Health
Benton, Donna	State Department of Health
III Corps	Representative
RHHT, 3d CR	Representative
3d CR	Representative
1 st CAV Sustainment	Representative
2/82, 1 st CAV	Representative
WTU	Representative
9 ASOS	Representative
13 th ESC	Representatives (3 service members)
1 ABCT	Representatives (4 service members)
USAOTC	Representatives (2 service members)
Resiliency Campus	Representatives (4 service members)
144 ADA BN	Representative
901 st CBN	Representative
Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center	Representatives (2 service members)
4/9 CAV	Representative
15 th BSB, 2 ABCT	Representative
4/8 CSB	Representative
1/227 th ARB, 1ACB	Representative
HHC, 1 ACB	Representative
1/5 CAV	Representative
DENTAC	Representative

3. The meeting progressed as follows:

a. Welcome and Statements of Purpose. Mr. Nicholas R. Johnsen welcomed participants to the Schools Council Meeting (SCM) and thanked them for attending. He shared the purpose and intent of the SCM with the group. The efforts of the Working Groups, which were formed last year, assisted parents with valuable information related to transitions, special education, higher education and understanding the many school programs available. Mr. Johnsen called the group's attention to the Community Input Forms, which he explained should be completed and submitted to the CYS School Liaison Officers (SLOs). Community Input Forms collected are shared with the appropriate working group. The working Groups meet quarterly to work solutions to education related issues and present their recommendations at the Partners in Education Process Action Team (PIE PAT) meeting. COL Henry C. Perry, Jr. stated he was excited to be at the meeting and looked forward to being a part of the great things that are happening at Fort Hood. He stated that the mission is to ensure that Families have a voice and that military children are taken care of.

b. Introductions and Information.

(1) **Killeen ISD (KISD).** Dr. Stewart shared updates which included the opening of two new schools, Roy J. Smith Middle School and Alice W. Douse Elementary School, and the expansion of the academic program at the Career Center with the addition of two new programs, auto collision and dental technology. The Early College High School students have the opportunity to take on campus classes at Central Texas College and graduate with an associate degree, along with their high school diploma. Any student can complete an application for admission to the Early College High School, there is no cost to Families and students do not have to meet a set criteria. KISD also offers the Texas Bioscience Institute, in partnership with Temple College. Dr. Stewart concluded by encouraging everyone to like KISD on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other forms of social media. Events and opportunities are posted via social media.

(2) **Salado ISD (SISD).** Dr. Novotny explained that SISD has four schools and is currently in the planning process of building another school. SISD has had a lot of success, including the distinction of winning three Lone Star Cups. There are 1300 high schools in Texas and only 10 have won more Lone Star Cups than Salado High School. SISD has also won nine state championships in academics and only two schools in the state of Texas have won more. Last month, SISD received the Post-Secondary Readiness Distinction. The Post-Secondary Readiness Distinction based on test scores, graduation rates, advanced placement scores, dual credits, and ACT/SAT scores. SISD was one of 58 districts that received the distinction.

(3) **Lampasas ISD (LISD).** Dr. Rascoe stated that LISD has three elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school. Lampasas High School received six of the seven distinctions from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Lampasas High School Career and Technical Education has expanded to include Culinary Arts and Criminal Justice and they have seen a thirty percent increase in enrollment in the program. The Middle school issued iPads to students in 6-8 grade and Chromebooks were issued to 9th graders, with the plan to expand to include students in the remaining grades. The reading initiative in Lampasas is continuous, with the goal to have students reading at grade level by the third grade. Mr. Johnsen asked if these efforts have had an impact. Dr. Rascoe stated that LISD is doing a better job at testing the students as they begin the school year to allow for the monitoring of growth and progress. Central Texas College has offered tutoring for students in LISD. Dr. Stewart shared that KISD uses Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing to measure academic progress at the beginning, middle and end of school year, as standardized testing does not measure growth. The importance of parents reading daily with their students was also discussed. Dr. Rascoe explained that the time parents spend reading with their children will exponentially increase students reading and comprehension levels. Mr. Johnsen again thanked Dr. Rascoe for raising the issue of literacy at a previous meeting, bringing greater awareness of this important issue.

(4) **Temple ISD.** Dr. Battershell described the student population of TISD as very diverse. She stated 76 percent of students in the district qualify for free or reduced lunches. The district includes one high school, three middle schools, eight elementary schools, and one full day pre-kindergarten center. TISD offers three foreign languages for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade, including Spanish, French and German. Some of the Career Courses that are offered are in the medical, manufacturing and railroad fields. Juniors have the opportunity to take part in unpaid internships and seniors have the opportunity to take part in paid internships. Students can get fully certified in various fields, such as welding and coding, before graduation. Dr. Battershell stated that employers are looking for a great employee and TISD is building that employee. Dr. Battershell took the opportunity to thank their Adopt-A-School unit, 1st Medical Brigade, for going out to the schools before schools started to help out and discuss goals and expectations for the school year. She stated that in all of her 20 years, this is the first time this as occurred and it has created a very successful partnership.

(5) **Belton ISD (BISD).** Dr. Muller announced that the Texas Teacher of the Year for Region 12 is Mr. Craig Sullivan. BISD has strong fine arts, academic, and sports programs. Over the summer, students attended the National Skills Convention and returned home with a championship. New schools and renovations will be taking place in the future for BISD. BISD was presented with the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) Pete Taylor Excellence Award for their partnership with Fort Hood.

(6) **Copperas Cove ISD (CCISD).** Mr. Kirkpatrick shared that the CCISD student population is not rapidly growing. CCISD receives 50-75 new students every five to six years. However, there are approximately 1750 new homes to be built in Copperas Cove in the next ten years. CCISD has plans to renovate some of the schools in the future. He stated that CCISD has made a huge push for non-college bound students by adding additional career areas, increasing from 12 areas to 23. Mr. Kirkpatrick shared that CCISD has seen a reduction in Impact Aid funding, as they no longer meet the criteria to be considered a highly impacted district. CCISD will build a new transportation facility to house 72 buses just outside of town.

(7) **School Health Clinic Program.** MAJ Chiles shared that the school based health clinic is offered at Belton High School, Killeen High School and Audie Murphy Middle School. The school health clinic program provides visits with a health care provider at the school so that students do not have to miss school to see a doctor. Thus far, all feedback has been positive. MAJ Chiles stated that since the clinics opened in the school, the no show rate has decreased and immunization rates have improved. The clinic services are only open to Tricare eligible students and consent forms must be completed. Currently, the clinic locations are based on the number of military-connected students. The hours of the clinics in each school are: Audie Murphy Middle School: Tuesdays 0800-1130, Killeen High School: Wednesdays 0830-1130, and Belton High School: Thursdays 0830-1130.

(8) School Transfer Process. Dr. Novotny shared that most school districts in Texas accept inter-district transfers of nonresident students. There is an application process and all transfer students must reapply annually. The factors considered include attendance, academics, behavior, and the availability of space and instructional staff. Most districts do not charge an annual fee for inter-district transfers. Currently, BISD is the only district that charges for out of district transfers. The fee helps offset the taxes that the school would not receive since the student does not live within that district. The fee would be waived for students from Public Education Grant (PEG) schools.

(9) Resiliency Campus Trainings. MAJ Norwood shared that the resiliency campus facilitates readiness and resiliency in the Fort hood community through the integration of holistic mind, body and spirit programs and education in order to strengthen the Army profession and improve unit readiness. MAJ Norwood stated that the Resiliency Campus is open to staff and students from all school districts. Various activities are planned that students and staff may take part in.

(10) Bullying/Cyberbullying. Ms. Rogers shared that the most significant impact to bullying and cyberbullying is David's Law, which took effect 1 September 2017. David's Law addresses the need for Texas laws to keep pace with evolving technology. It requires school districts to include cyberbullying in their district bullying policies and notify a child's parents if he or she is a victim or alleged aggressor of bullying within three business days. The law allows schools to combat and prevent cyberbullying by investigating off campus cyber-assisted bullying if it materially affects the school environment. It provides for schools to collaborate with law enforcement when serious or life-threatening cyberbullying situations arise. In recognition of bullying as a mental health issue, David's Law encourages schools to invest in counseling and rehabilitation services for both victims and aggressors of bullying.

(11) CYS School Liaison Office Overview. Ms. Jones shared that she is the point of contact (POC) for CCISD, TISD, and BISD. She helps with the planning and implementation of the SCM, Education Summit, PIE PAT, and Working Groups. Ms. Jones stated that October is Drug Abuse Awareness Month and the school districts will be having Red Ribbon Week. The Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) has expressed an interest in assisting with school activities. Schools who are interested in should contact Carl Smith at (254)-338-1195. Ms. Davenport shared that she is the POC for KISD, Jarrell ISD, Homeschool and the FRIENDS initiative. Ms. Davenport introduced Christine Luciano from DPW Environmental, who shared some highlights of the recent FRIENDS trip to the Fort Hood Recycle center. The students planted two trees, painted murals, created public service announcements and took a tour of the recycle center. She shared that if any school districts are interested, they are welcome to contact her at (254)-535-1008. Ms. Salinas shared that she is the POC for Florence ISD, Gatesville ISD, LISD and SISD, and the Adopt-A-School (AAS) program. The next AAS Quarterly Training will be held on 17 October 2017.

(12) **Education Services Overview.** Mr. Engen stated that currently 6,300 Fort Hood Soldiers are enrolled in college courses. Education Services will be holding their 21st Annual College Graduation Ceremony on 16 November 2017. Registration to participate is required. Mr. Engen encouraged commanders to provide some type of recognition for their soldiers who graduate.

c. Open Forum.

(1) **Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC).** Mr. Ballantyne provided some positive feedback on the presentations from the school districts. He also shared that MCEC provides early literacy workshops for children and parents, as well as bullying workshops. If interested in any of the workshops provided by MCEC, contact Allison at (320)-291-8003.

(2) **Transition Video.** The question was asked if there was an informational video regarding transition. The transition video can be found at <https://hood.armymwr.com/programs/school-liaison-officer>

(3) **Impact Aid.** Federal Impact Aid is designed to assist local school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt Federal property, or that have experienced increased expenditures due to the enrollment of military-connected children. CCISD will no longer meet the criteria for a heavily impacted district as they no longer meet the standard of 35% or more students who are military-connected. CCISD will still receive funding, but not as much as in previous years.

(4) **Applications (Apps) used by Teachers.** The topic was raised regarding the Apps used by teachers. Some parents are currently having to manage three or more apps in order to keep up with their children's grades, attendance, etc. COL Perry encouraged the districts explore the possibility of streamlining some of the apps. He also proposed this as a working group topic. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the issue lies with the interfacing of the apps. The Apps do not "talk to each other."

(5) **Military Family Life Counselors (MFLC).** A participant asked how off post Families can find MFLCs. There are currently rosters available, however, MFLCs are a rotated position and rosters are continuously changing. MFLCs are mostly in schools that have a large population of military-connected students.

4. Closing: Mr. Johnsen thanked everyone for attending the meeting. COL Perry reiterated his appreciation and stated, "We are only as good as the information we are passing on." He encouraged everyone to voice their concerns and to set goals with their children academically.

5. Minutes prepared by Elizabeth McIntire, CYS Parent & Outreach Services Branch Administrative Support Assistant.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheila R. Curtis', written in a cursive style.

SHEILA R. CURTIS

Chief

Child, & Youth Services