



PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM RATIONALE

DATE: February 20, 2024

TO: Dr. Brian L. Maher
Commissioner of Education

FROM: Dr. Derek Ippensen
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PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM: Proclaim April 2024 as the Month of the Military Child and April 15, 2024 as “Purple Up! For Military Kids Day”

AGENDA ITEM TYPE (contract/grant/rule/program/other):

RATIONALE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Each year, Nebraska schools serve thousands of students whose parent(s) serve in the military. Since November 2021, the NDE has recognized public schools and non-public schools as Purple Star Schools to denote the special efforts the schools have undertaken to support the unique needs of military-concerned children.

To elevate practices for better serving military-connected children and their families, this resolution proclaims April the “Month of the Military Child.” The resolution honors the sacrifices of military service members, their families, and children, and calls on the NDE to continue providing resources for schools to better service military-connected students. The resolution also proclaims April 15 as “Purple Up!” day and encourages all members of the community to show their support of military-connected youth and families on that day.

PROPOSED BOARD MEETING (MONTH/YEAR): March 2024

ESTIMATED COST: N/A

FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS:

FOR NEW CONTRACTS OR OTHER CONTRACTS REQUIRING PROCUREMENT:

FOR GRANT SUBAWARDS: