

RESOLUTION NO. 22-14
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA



WHEREAS, there are 1.6 million children of active duty military members worldwide who face many challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parents' service; and

WHEREAS, approximately 70,000 active duty military members and their families call Florida home; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa County School District has the highest percentage of military child enrollment of any school district in Florida with over 5,600 enrolled military children representing 17% of total enrollment; and

WHEREAS, these children and families face unique challenges associated with frequent relocations, separations through deployment, service in combat zones, and reintegration; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa County School District is committed to meeting the needs of all of its students, especially those of its military children; and

WHEREAS, Legislative action in 2022 reenacted the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children which ensures a smooth transition for children of active-duty military families by enabling seamless school placement, enrollment, records transfers, and verification of graduation requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Okaloosa County, Florida extends its sincere gratitude and respect to all military members and their families who live both in Okaloosa County and abroad for their unwavering commitment to our nation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Okaloosa County School District commits to connect military students and families to the resources and services they need to ensure a successful school experience.

ADOPTED BY The School Board of Okaloosa County, Florida in regular session this 24th day of October 2022, in Niceville, Florida.

ATTEST:

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ACTING AS THE GOVERNING
BODY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Marcus Chambers
Superintendent/Secretary

By: _____
Timothy Bryant
School Board Chairman