



**Escambia County School District and  
 Naval Air Station Pensacola  
 Joint Military Council for Education Excellence**  
**July 21, 2022, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
 SpencerBibbs Center  
 Room 104  
 2005 N 6th Ave  
 Pensacola, FL 32503

YouTube Live Stream: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTtxmXfgeLc>

### Council Members

**Co-Chair:** CDR John Godbehere—XO, NASP

**Council Member:** CMC Craig Forehand—CMDPCM, NASP

**Council Member:** Mr. Jason Bortz—Public Affairs Officer, NASP

**Council Member:** Mrs. Carissa Bergosh—School Liaison Officer, NASP

**Co-Chair:** Mr. Steve Marcanio—Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction, ECSD

**Council Member:** Mr. Paul Fetsko—School Board, District 2, ECSD

**Council Member:** Dr. Michael Roberts—Director, Middle School Education, ECSD

**Council Member:** Mr. Cody Strother—Coordinator, Marketing & Public Relations, ECSD

**Council Member:** Mr. Christopher McFarland—Coordinator, Enrollment Services, ECSD

**Council Member:** Mr. Joel Dean Hollon—District Military Liaison, ECSD

### Guests

Wanda Kotick—Coordinator, Community Involvement, ECSD

Jack Reed—Assistant Director, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Director, NASP

Monica Willis—Specialist, Grants Management, ECSD

4:00-4:08	<p><b>Business Meeting Opening Remarks</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Greetings and opening remarks from CDR Godbehere &amp; Mr. Marcanio</li> <li>2. Mission Statement: <i>Improving educational services and communication between the Escambia County School District and military families.</i></li> <li>3. Introduction of council members and guests</li> </ol>
4:08-4:13	<p><b>Announcement of Q&amp;A and Public Forum That Will Take Place Later in the Meeting</b>  <i>(In advance of the Council's Q&amp;A session that occurs later in the agenda, announce the invitation for the public to submit questions and comments.)</i></p> <p>Purpose and Etiquette of the Public Forum: <u>CDR Godbehere read statement:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>"The Joint Military Council for Education Excellence was established as a partnership between the Escambia County School District and</i></li> </ol>

	<p><i>Naval Air Station Pensacola in the Spring of 2020. This council exists to facilitate necessary changes in policies and procedures that directly impact educational services for the children of our service members.</i></p> <p>2. <i>To that end, I want to remind our public forum participants to engage all parties with great regard for one another, use language that is universally appropriate for public record, and, when possible, comment and question with the greater good in mind.</i>  <i>Please note that questions or comments that pertain to specific students, individuals, or schools may not be addressed in great detail by the council during the Public Forum. The council's responses to such items may be provided privately to individuals on a case by case basis."</i></p> <p>3. <i>"Members of the public who are in attendance, please use the provided forms on the welcome table to submit questions and comments, or to request to address the Military Council. The Q&amp;A/Public Forum will occur during the second half of the meeting. As appropriate, Mr. Hollon will read questions submitted by those in attendance during the forum."</i></p> <p>4. <i>"For those watching the live stream, you may email your questions and comments at any time, even after the forum, to <a href="mailto:pensacolapao@gmail.com">pensacolapao@gmail.com</a>."</i></p>
4:13-4:20	<p><b>Old Business and Open Action Items</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval of February 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes</li> <li>2. Overview of the 2022-2023 Military Council Meeting Calendar <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Thursday, July 21, 2022, 4:00-5:30 pm in Room 104 of the Spencer Bibbs Center.</li> <li>b. Thursday, October 20, 2022, 4:00-5:30 pm in the Media Center of Booker T. Washington High School. Followed immediately by the annual School Choice Expo.</li> <li>c. Thursday, February 16, 2023, 3:00*-4:30 pm in the Media Center of Bailey Middle School. (*: Note early start time.)</li> <li>d. Thursday, May 4, 2023, 4:00-5:30 pm in the Media Center of the NEW Pleasant Grove Elementary School.</li> <li>e. Google Calendar invitations were sent to current council members May 10, 2022. Notify Mr. Hollon if you have not received your invitations.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

4:20-5:00	<p><b>Highlight Current Initiatives, Programs, and Resources</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enrollment Services news and important dates, including School Choice Expo details: Christopher McFarland--Coordinator, School Choice</li> <li>2. Volunteering and Mentoring in the upcoming school year: Wanda Kotick--Coordinator, Community Involvement</li> <li>3. NAS Pensacola's Library, Community Recreation, Family Fitness, and Aquatics programs--Types of services offered, summer and special programs, and how to enroll and participate: Mr. Jack Reed--MWR Assistant Director</li> <li>4. Child Development Center, before- and after-school programs: Carissa Bergosh--School Liaison Officer</li> <li>5. Summer Flight Adventure Deck Update: Monica Willis, Specialist, Grants Management</li> </ol>
5:00-5:20	<p><b>Q&amp;A and Public Forum, moderated by CDR Godbehere</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Questions will be addressed by the council and/or the appropriate Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) (See Appendix 1).</li> <li>2. Address questions and comments from those in attendance. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mr. Hollon will read questions submitted in person, if applicable.</li> <li>b. CDR Godbehere will read Pre-submitted questions from Appendix 1, if applicable.</li> <li>c. Mr. Bortz will read questions submitted via email and Facebook Live, if applicable.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
5:20-5:30	<p><b>Soliciting Future Council Topics and Closing Remarks</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Take suggestions from council members for future topics to address.</li> <li>2. Families can submit their suggestions for future council topics at any time by emailing them to <a href="mailto:pensacolapao@gmail.com">pensacolapao@gmail.com</a>.</li> <li>3. Closing remarks from Council members, and final remarks from CDR Godbehere and Mr. Marcanio.</li> <li>4. Dismissal.</li> </ol>

## Appendix 1: Questions from Military Families for the Public Forum

### Submitted Questions

- We have PCS orders to NAS Pensacola, but we haven't secured permanent housing yet. We will be staying with friends in the area until we are assigned base housing.
  - How should we register our kids for school?
  - And how would School Choice work in that situation?
  
- We are a dual military spouse family—both active duty—stationed at NAS Pensacola. We live in Alabama, and have relied on the Child Development Center (CDC) on base for child care and Pre-K for our child who is now about to enter Kindergarten. This has worked well for us. We drop our child off at the CDC in the morning, report for work, then pick our child up from the CDC on the way home.
  - We have been told by the Escambia County School District that, even if we continue to use the CDC for before- and after-school care, we cannot obtain permission for our child to attend public school in Escambia County, FL. Is this correct?
  - What solutions would the council suggest or advocate for in regards to families in our situation?

### How to submit questions:

- Email your questions to [pensacolapao@gmail.com](mailto:pensacolapao@gmail.com)
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## Appendix 2: Relevant Links

Escambia County School District's Military Families Website Link:

[www.escambiaschools.org/military](http://www.escambiaschools.org/military)

Escambia County School District Community Involvement Office:

<https://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/cio>

Escambia County School District Enrollment Services Office:

[https://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/enrollment\\_services](https://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/enrollment_services)

NAS Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Office:

<https://www.navymwrpensacola.com/>

NAS Pensacola Public Affairs Office Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/NASPCOLA>