



Newsletter

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Wishing you a Happy Holidays!

The month of December has been filled with great joy for us at MCCG.

We were asked by the Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's Veterans Office to lead the first roundtable meeting for addressing military children in Los Angeles schools. The purpose of the meeting was to share with Los Angeles Unified School District representatives the benefits of acknowledging, self identifying and community resources available to the LAUSD to better support military connected children.

At the December 5th meeting those in attendance were the Los Angeles Mayor's Veterans Office Representatives, Dr. Ron Astor/ USC Building Capacity, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Representatives, retired Los Angeles Social workers, DiDi Hirsh, and Debbie Nichols/Military Childrens Collaborative Group.

This meeting was a wonderful beginning for LAUSD. LAUSD learned how other school districts within our state have addressed these children's needs beginning with school district's student enrollment & emergency forms and the necessary questions needed on the forms and how there is potential federal funding available for those school districts engaging the children. Debbie shared the progress and steps Orange County Department of Education took to change their forms, build a support network for OCDE school districts and their schools, how to receive a trained University intern to support the school's counselors, connecting 211 organization which offers County referral services addressing the needs for military families that schools can tap into, and academic and emotional tutoring services available for military connected students.

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