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## **ECSD (FLA) and NASP Military Council Announces First Meeting *Military Families Invited to Submit Questions***

Escambia County School District (FLA) and Naval Air Station Pensacola leaders are announcing the first meeting of the ECSD NASP Military Council, to be held on Sept. 3, 2020. The first hour will be a closed session for council members only. The public is invited to join virtually from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Details on how to join the meeting are below.

The mission of the ECSD NASP Military Council is to improve educational services and communication between the Escambia County School District and military families.

The Council Co-Chairs are ECSD's Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Steve Marcanio and NAS Pensacola's Executive Officer Commander John Godbehere.

Families are invited to submit questions, ideas or concerns prior to the meeting by sending their questions to [pensacolapao@gmail.com](mailto:pensacolapao@gmail.com) by Aug. 27.

The Sept. 3 meeting will be hosted by ECSD and will begin at 5:00 p.m. The meeting can be viewed LIVE on the ECSD's Board Meeting feed, Swagit, as well as on Facebook LIVE on the page - Escambia Schools Public Relations. The agenda will be available prior to the meeting on the ECSD Military Families Information page, [www.escambiaschools.org/military](http://www.escambiaschools.org/military).

"The council is a joint venture by the Escambia County School District and NAS Pensacola to provide informational awareness and improve the educational opportunities for our local community," said Godbehere. "Everyone with a child enrolled to an Escambia County school is invited to participate in the public portion of the meeting and to ask questions that they would like addressed."

"The school district is dedicated to serving our students in military families and we look forward to this Council helping us gain an even broader understanding of their concerns and special needs related to military life," said Assistant Superintendent Marcanio.

Additional questions may be submitted on the Facebook LIVE feed and those questions will be shared with the Council during the meeting, time permitting. General questions may be answered by the Council while any questions about specific student situations will be addressed offline.

Additional members of the Council include:

Command Master Chief Craig Forehand - NASP Command Master Chief

Mrs. Georgia Nettles - NASP Ombudsman

Mrs. Carissa Bergosh - School Liaison Officer

Mr. Jason Bortz - NASP Public Affairs Officer

Mr. Paul Fetsko - ECSD School Board Member, District 2

Dr. Patti Thomas - ECSD Director, Elementary Education

Mr. Christopher McFarland - ECSD Coordinator, School Choice

Mr. Joel Dean Hollon - ECSD's Military Liaison

Ms. Kim Stefansson - ECSD Public Relations Coordinator

The recording of the meeting will also be available following the meeting on the ECSD Military Families page, [www.escambiaschools.org/military](http://www.escambiaschools.org/military). It will also be available on Facebook on the page, Escambia Schools Public Relations and shared on the NAS Pensacola's PAO's Facebook page.

For more information about Escambia County School District, visit ECSD's web page at <http://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/>, or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ecsdfl](http://www.facebook.com/ecsdfl). To read about recent ECSD news and events, or to explore ECSD photo albums and videos, go to Escambia Schools Public Relations' at [www.facebook.com/ecsd.public](http://www.facebook.com/ecsd.public).

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