



# MacDill Air Force Base Educator Immersion Day

## Impact Report



### **Imagine a world where every military-connected student feels seen, understood, and supported in their school.**

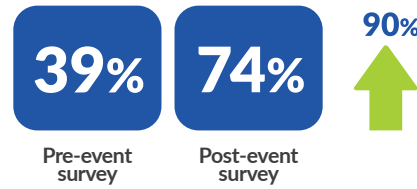
On April 10, 2024, iCivics and Blue Star Families, in partnership with Hillsborough County School District, hosted a one-day professional development course at MacDill Air Force Base for 25 educators, including classroom teachers, district facilitators, and principals. The purpose of the course was to better equip educators in supporting their military-connected students and families. The course included:

- a panel of military spouses with school-aged children, as well as school district personnel
- a base briefing, including Q & A, with base leadership
- a tour of the base and boarding of an aircraft
- a briefing from regional Military Family Lifestyle Counselor (MFLC) personnel
- resource sharing
- personal commitments from educators to better support military students in their classrooms and schools

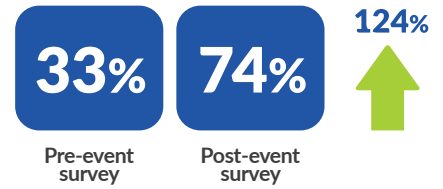


While it was evident throughout the day the effect this training was having on these educators, the program evaluation data further accentuated the impact.

% who report they are very or extremely familiar with the military family experience.



% who report they are very or extremely familiar with the military child experience in a school setting.



### Quotes from participants:

“If you aren’t a part of the military then you don’t know. This experience helped me understand more of what life is like for military children, what a military base is like, and how I can improve my teaching.”

“The presentations were excellent. It left me wanting much more.”

“This was eye opening for the personal experience of the service members and the spouses. I would recommend anyone who engages with military families in the community take part in this experience. This offers numerous opportunities and avenues to help students in our schools who may need it.”



**Each year, 600,000 military families move, and on average, military families move every two to three**

**years.** Military children are transitioning frequently and we owe it to them to ensure educators across the country understand how to best support them and their families as they move to new communities.

**Join us. Do Your Part for our military kids and families.**



**Interested in hosting an educator immersion day in your community?**

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