



MARE Focus

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Bowling Green R-I Superintendent Search Announcement (attached)

The Missouri Association of Rural Education has been retained by the Bowling Green R-I Board of Education to conduct a search for their next Superintendent.

If you or you know of someone that might be interested in completing the application process, please refer to the announcement and the application that can be found on the MARE website: www.moare.com Click on the application for Superintendent.

The deadline for receipt of the application and supporting materials is **Friday, October 28, 2016**. Should you have questions, contact Dr. Paul Ricker (MARE Search Consultant) – Phone: (573) 365-4703 or Email: paulricker1@charter.net

eRate Workshops:

Richard Senturia with eRate Program, LLC (a MARE Endorsed Provider) is once again providing a series of erate workshops around the state.

These FREE workshops begin at 10:00 a.m. and will run to 11:30 a.m. with lunch following.

- Monday, Sept. 26 – Innovative Center – Cape Girardeau, MO
- Tuesday, Sept. 27 – Holden School District Office – Holden, MO
- Wednesday, Sept. 28 – Faught Admin. Center – Nixa, MO
- Thursday, Sept. 29 – Maryville R-II School District – Maryville, MO
- Three additional locations are being considered in North Central, Northeast and South Central, MO later in October.

For additional information the phone contact is (314) 282-

3676

New Website:

MARE has moved to a new website. Please take a look and let us know what you think. We believe that the new design will be more user friendly.

MARE is now on FACEBOOK:

We invite school districts/individuals/organizations to connect with the new MARE Facebook page. Just type in Missouri Association of Rural Education and **LIKE** us on facebook. Through this media, we hope to share programs and activities that rural school districts are sharing on their facebook pages.

Joint MARE/K-8 Conference – October 20-22, 2016 at the Lodge of 4 Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO

We encourage you and members of your district staff and board members to attend the second joint Fall Conference of MARE and the MoK-8 Associations.

Dates: Thursday afternoon – October 20, Friday all day – October 21, and Saturday morning, October 22.

Location: The Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO.

Hotel Reservations may be made with the Lodge Hotel Reservations Department by calling toll free – 888-265-5500. The group rate is \$109 per night (Single/Double). Reservations at this rate will be taken up until September 19, 2016. After this date guest rooms will be available at hotels space and rate availability.

Registration: Go to the *MARE website* –www.moare.com - and download the registration form. You can fax or mail to the MARE office.

Program Schedule: Attached is program schedule.

- Thursday Afternoon – October 20
 - Conference Opens with Commissioner Vandeven

- Keynote Speaker – Mr. Kent Stock
- Small group sessions
- Exhibitors including an evening reception
- Friday All Day – October 21
 - Small group sessions, and general sessions
 - Luncheon – invitations have been sent to the candidates for governor as well as some special award recognitions
 - Annual MARE & MoK-8 Business Meetings
 - Evening banquet to recognize Outstanding Rural Education Award recipients.
- Saturday Morning – October 22
 - General sessions
 - Conference conclusion

Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament
scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the
COVE in Lake Ozark, MO.

Registration for the Golf Tournament is on the MARE website – www.moare.com – just download and mail or fax to the MARE office.

Cost: \$60 per player or \$240 per 4 person team.

Start Time: On-site check-in will be available beginning at 12:00 Noon with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. We expect the course to fill up fast, so early registration is encouraged. A meal will be provided at the conclusion of the tournament.

Deadline for Registration: **Monday, October 3**

School Board Training Dates:

- **Lake Ozark, MO – October 20 – 22 – Lodge of 4 Seasons (part of MARE/MoK-8 Conference)**

Registration may be found on MARE website: www.moare.com

MARE Superintendent Search Services:

The MARE Association provides this service as part of its continued commitment to foster strong board/superintendent relationships and to enhance school district leadership in Missouri. Should your school district be in the early stages of a superintendent search for the 2017-2018 school year, the MARE search consultants would be happy to provide a search proposal.

The board of education will receive a customized service through collaborative work with the search consultant as well as designing the timeline to embrace the complete commitment to the search including, but not limited to: recruitment, screening, reference checks, scheduling and protocol for candidate interviews, planning meetings with the board and onsite visits.

For additional information, please contact the MARE office (660) 747-8050. Our team of search consultants this year are Dr. Mike Jinks, Dr. Paul Ricker, and Dr. Craig Eaton.

Missouri Consultants for Education (MCE) Updates:

The August, 2016 policy/regulation/form updates are currently available on the MCE website – <http://www.moconed.com> – For your convenience, access to the updates is located on the homepage under the **“UPDATES”** section on the left hand side of the page. Simply select **“View All Updates”** to view or download current and past updates.

For district administrators that may be new to the MCE policy updates, please note that there is a letter from Tom Mickes included, indicating the changes whether completely **NEW** policies, regulations, forms or **REVISED** policies, regulations, forms. For those that are **REVISED** there is also a link referred to as **REDLINES** which shows the changes that have been made to that particular numbered document.

Should you have any questions on the updates feel free to contact Tom Mickes (Office phone – 314-878-5600 or cell phone – 314-330-8903) or Bill Ray (Office phone – 816-322-0870 or cell phone – 816-591-1985).

If your school district is interested in receiving additional information on the MCE website district policy hosting program, please contact Nicole Boyles at Mickes O’Toole – (314) 878-5600.

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The MARE Executive Board is one of several organizations in Missouri that are opposed to the passage of the initiative – **“Raise Your Hands for Kids.”** The MARE organization very much supports the need for Early Childhood Education but has some serious concerns about some of the language found within this ballot issue

and the effect its passage would have on rural school districts in Missouri.

In a press release on Monday, September 19, a large bipartisan coalition of state representatives (91) and senators (19) from across Missouri are encouraging voters to vote "NO" on this controversial constitutional amendment that contacts several troubling provisions. To see the position of your representative or senator, the press release may be found on the MARE website.

Quote of the Week:

"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at."

--Stephen Hawking

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