



MARE Focus

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Legislative Alert – HB 2247 – Administrators, teachers, Board members and concerned patrons need to contact local representatives and encourage them to vote no on HB 2247. This legislation would permit Charter School Expansion in the state. Proponents have been working hard to try to get this harmful legislation passed. I would encourage you to review the latest Legislative Bulletin for detailed information on how this will negatively impact public education. Issues still include open enrollment provision, accountability, selective enrollment, and major financial impacts. Please call today! Working together we can keep this legislation from moving out of the House! the vote is expected on WEDNESDAY!!!!

MARE Superintendent Searches

Cabool R-IV School District - Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. Phone: (660) 441-7473 or email at 19mj46@charter.net. **Deadline to apply is this Friday, April 6th!**

Closed searches include Van Buren R-I, North Andrew R-VI, Canton R-V, Guadalupe Centers and Sturgeon R-V.

MARE Scholarship Programs – The HS Scholarship Review Committee has reviewed applications and selected twenty-one (21) students to receive a \$500.00 dollar MARE/EdCounsel Scholarship Award for 2018. Letters have been sent to all who applied. Thanks to our applicants and to the counselors who helped promote this scholarship opportunity. The College Scholarship Review Committee will be reviewing applications within the next few weeks. We plan to notify all of those who applied by the end of April. Thanks to those who applied and to the college staff that helped promote this opportunity. Due to the success of our Annual Golf Tournament last year, we hope to be able to offer fifteen (15) \$1,000.00 dollar scholarships.

2018 MARE/MO K-8 Fall Conference – Next year's conference will be held Wednesday, October 17th (afternoon) through Friday, October 19th (11:00 a.m.) at The Lodge of Four Seasons. Please make plans now to attend and help us grow our annual conference! Kent Rader (The World's Cleanest Comedian and Speaker) has been booked as our Keynote Speaker!

Annual Election of Executive Board Members - MARE will be electing Regional Executive Board Members in Region B, D, F, H and J this year. Additionally, one member from a MARE member school district's Board of Education and a K-8 representative (appointed by the K-8 Board) will be selected this year. If you are interested in being considered, please check out the website for more information. Board members will be announced at the May 7th Executive Board Meeting. Terms for newly elected or appointed members begin on July 1, 2018.

Region B – Counties of - Gasconade, Franklin, Crawford, Washington, Iron, Reynolds,

St. Francis, Ste. Genevieve, Jefferson, Perry and St. Louis

Region D – Counties of – Laclede, Camden, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Dent.

Region F – Counties of – Jackson, Cass, Lafayette, Johnson, Henry, Saline, Pettis, Cooper, Moniteau and Morgan.

Region H – Counties of – Scotland, Knox, Shelby, Monroe, Audrain, Callaway, Clark, Lewis, Marion, Ralls, Pike, Montgomery, Lincoln, Warren and St. Charles

Region J – Counties of – Atchinson, Holt, Nodaway, Andrew, Buchanan, Platte, Clay, Worth, DeKalb, Clinton, Ray, Caldwell, Daviess, Gentry and Harrison.

School Board Training Dates - MARE has arranged to provide Board Training at the following locations:

Winston R-VI School District (NW Missouri) – (660) 749-5331

- Friday, May 18, 2018 (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 19, 2018 (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

Poplar Bluff R-I School District (SE Missouri) - (573) 785-7753

- Friday, June 1, 2018 (8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 2, 2018 (8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.)

Crest Ridge R-VII School District (WC Missouri) - (660) 656-3316

- Friday, June 15, 2018 - (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 16, 2018 - (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

Lake Ozark, MO – The Lodge of the Four Seasons (Conference)

- Wednesday, October 17, 2018 (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, October 18, 2018 (8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.)
- Friday, October 19, 2018 (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon)

**** We will likely schedule 1 or 2 trainings in North Central or Northeast Missouri with Leroy Huff serving as the Board Training Facilitator. Those have yet to be scheduled!**

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANY NEW BOARD MEMBER(S) NEEDING THE SIXTEEN (16) HOURS OF REQUIRED TRAINING.

To register, please complete the form (coming soon to district Board Secretaries) and fax to (660) 747-8160, scan and email to ksandlin@moare.com, or go online (www.moare.com) and complete the electronic form found under Board Training.

Legal Articles – *New articles have been added in the past few weeks! Please check this out at www.moare.com. Special thanks to our partners at EdCounsel, Mickes O’Toole, Guin Mundorf, and Tueth Keeney for providing these articles.*

2018 MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament – The annual tournament will be held on Tuesday, July 31st at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to be involved in this event. All proceeds benefit the MARE Scholarship programs. We will be mailing letters, registration forms and sponsorship forms out to superintendents and associate members within the next two weeks.

Associate Membership List – The Missouri Association of Rural Education is very fortunate to have a number of very loyal and dedicated Associate Members who support our organization by providing discounted services, discounted products, support for our annual conference, support for our

golf tournament and information and trainings around the state. Please access the complete list found on the introductory MARE Focus Cover Page.

Call for Presentations – MARE and MO K-8 are accepting presentation proposals for the joint conference which is scheduled for October 17-19, 2018 at The Lodge of Four Seasons. Please access our website at www.moare.com and download the form to submit. The theme for our 2018 Conference is "Sharing the Success of Rural Education."

SRSA Application News



Dear Rural School Organization Contact,

We are writing to notify you that the FY 2018 Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) grant application period is scheduled to open *Tuesday, February 20, 2018, and close Friday, April 20, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. Washington, D.C. time*. The FY 2018 SRSA application will be available in Grants.gov once the application period opens on February 20.

The Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) team sent this notification to local education agencies (LEAs) and state education agencies this morning.

We will send a follow-up email to LEAs next week with a link to the updated eligibility spreadsheet and details about pre-application actions that SRSA-eligible LEAs should take to be prepared to start their FY 2018 SRSA grant applications on February 20.

If you have questions regarding this notification, please send them to REAP@ed.gov.

MARE & EducationPlus Partnership - Did you know that the Missouri Association of Rural Education and EducationPlus are partners in providing member school districts with everything from pencils to roofing through a Cooperative Purchasing Program agreement? We are also partners with MASA and the Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City in this agreement. School districts benefit by purchasing items through the cooperative at competitive and discounted prices. MARE, MASA and the Cooperating School Districts benefit as well through the agreements that we have on file with EducationPlus. Vendors include some of the major school providers such as Riddell, Blick Art Materials, Nasco, CDW-G, Kyocera, Quill.com, School Speciality and a host of others. For more information on this great program, please contact Stephanie Everhart-Brown at (314) 692-1224 or severhartbrown@edplus.org. Check out the website for more information!

NREA/Rural Schools Collaborative Grant Program - **APPLY NOW FOR OUR NATIONAL SIGNATURE GRANT PROJECT! A Joint Grant initiative of the NREA and the Rural Schools Collaborative's Grants in Place Program.**

The Rural Schools Collaborative [Grants in Place program](#) is pleased to present the National Signature Project, a \$2,500 grant to an outstanding and innovative classroom project that exemplifies the very best in place-based education. The National Signature

Project award is open to any rural classroom teacher in the United States.

[Our straightforward application is due by April 23, 2018. Please click here to apply today, and help us spread the word!](#)

If you are a teacher within one of our hub or partner regions, you may be eligible for a traditional "Grants in Place" award - [please view eligible regions and apply here.](#)

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[School Based Medicaid: Additional funding resource for Missouri School Districts](#)

Many school districts are leaving "money on the table" for School-Based Medicaid programs. Funding is provided by the Missouri HealthNet Division for services already being provided by the school district.

Annual funds reimbursement averages several hundred to several thousand dollars.

Confused by the program requirements for participation of SDAC?

Innovative Options, LLC, a locally certified Missouri company, provides individualized SDAC program management services for over 60 Missouri school districts. We take the guesswork out of program details and compliance issues. Our company is highly recommended by Missouri Superintendents, Directors of Special Education and Finance staff.

In the educational setting, school district staff serve as advocates for students and families when identifying, delivering, coordinating or monitoring health services related to therapy, medical, mental, hearing or dental needs of students. Educational staff usually view involvement in these activities as part of the educational process, but many of these activities are reimbursable through two separate Missouri school-based Medicaid programs of:

- 1) School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC): program management provided by Innovative Options
- 2) Direct Billing : services provided by Claim Care (a preferred vendor of MARE)

Is your school district "leaving money on the table"?

Join over 450 other Missouri school districts that take advantage of this funding opportunity.

Deadline to participate in the 2018-2019 school year is coming up soon.

Contact us today. E-mail Linda Kirkpatrick, (managing owner, Innovative Options, LLC): linda.sdac@gmail.com or by phone: [913-706-3632](tel:913-706-3632).

[Quote of the Week](#)

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." William A. Ward

MARE Mobile Application:

We at MARE understand the importance of staying connected with our community. We are very excited to announce we now have a App, which will provide easy access to the information you need.

Select the App available for you to download from Google Play and App Store



MARE Welcomes SpyGlass - MARE is pleased to welcome SpyGlass as our newest Associate Member. Telecom providers know that you don't have the time or resources to dedicate to auditing your phone, internet and wireless bills, and expect that you won't catch costly mistakes and overcharges. SpyGlass is here to help you push back and identify mistakes and inefficiencies so you can stop overpaying and put more money on your bottom line. Our risk-free telecom expense audits find errors and inefficiencies in 90% of engagements. We'll tell you how we do it. Contact Jacob Farmer (jfarmer@spyglass.net) or Larry Seiler (lseiler@spyglass.net), (440) 348-9364, for more information!

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