



# MARE Focus

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**MARE Board Training Program Update** - As most of you are aware, one of the provisions of HB 604 added additional training requirements for school board members who serve in Missouri. MARE's new Board Training Program will now consist of eighteen hours and thirty minutes of training including two hours and thirty minutes **"that provides up-to-date and reliable information on identifying signs of sexual abuse in children and danger signals of potentially abusive relationships between children and adults"**. Additionally, the law now requires those currently serving as school board members to participate in one hour of annual refresher training that **shall address concepts covered in the initial training including, but not limited to, the prevention of sexual abuse of children**. We are currently working on creating these additional training materials (Presentations, Videos, etc.) and will make these available in the near future. The MARE Board Training scheduled on October 23rd and October 24th as part of the Annual MARE/MO K-8 Conference will include the 2.5 hours of additional training for new board members. It is likely that we will schedule some area training events or workshops to help provide this new content during this upcoming school year! Please stay tuned for more information on this training.

**\*The Board Training Program offered by MARE has been approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.**

**MARE Superintendent Search Services** - One of the services that MARE provides is a professional, yet affordable Superintendent or Building Administrator Search Service Program. Our team of Search Consultants includes Dr. Mike Jinks, Dr. Paul Ricker and Dr. Craig Eaton. If you are retiring or moving to another location, we would welcome the opportunity to put together a search proposal for your school district. More information regarding this program can be found on our website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com). We will be posting two vacancies within the next month. Stay tuned!

**New or Returning Member School Districts** - MARE would like to welcome the following school districts as either new or returning MARE members: **St. Joseph, Spokane R-VII, Greenfield R-IV, Strafford R-VI, Calhoun R-VIII, Risco R-II, Harrisonville R-IX and Nevada R-V**. If you are not sure of your MARE member status or would like more information on becoming a MARE member school district, I would welcome the opportunity to visit with you.

**New Associate Members** - MARE is pleased to welcome the following new Associate Members: **Thrive Nutrition Services, Learning Blade, MSU at Springfield, K12itc, Performance Services, S.M. Wilson and Excellence K-12**. For more information on these members, please check out our website!

**MARE Associate Members** - Our organization simply could not do the work that we do nor provide the services and programs that we offer without the generous support of our Associate Members. Please click here to access a list: [..\Associate Members\2019-2020 Associate Members.docx](#)

**School Board Training Dates** - MARE will provide trainings as follows:

**Central Missouri - The Lodge of the Four Seasons - Lake Ozark, Missouri (573-365-3000)**

- Wednesday, October 23, 2019 (12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, October 24, 2019 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

To register, go online (<http://www.moare.com/>) and complete the electronic form found under Board Training or contact Kevin Sandlin at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

**Legal Articles** – Check out the various legal articles posted on our website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com). Special thanks to our partners at EdCounsel, Mickes O’Toole, Guin Mundorf, and Tueth Keeney for providing these articles

**Making the News**

[Kirksville Daily Express: Schools to get combined \\$1.2M annually from wind farm](#)

Local school districts will be a major beneficiary of the High Prairie Wind Farm facility that will soon be under construction in northeast Missouri. K-REDI Executive Director Carolyn Chrisman told the K-REDI board Wednesday that Ameren Missouri has estimated a combined \$1.2 million in annual tax payments to school districts in Schuyler and Adair counties. It will break down to \$600,000 for the Schuyler County School District, and \$600,000 for school districts in Adair County. A further breakdown of the latter won’t be known until final wind turbine locations are determined within Adair County’s different school district borders. “That is a minimum,” Chrisman said. “It can always go higher.”

**NEW Superintendent Boot Camp**

The date for the 2019 New Superintendent Boot Camp has been set.

This year's Boot Camp will be on September 10, 2019 at the Des Peres Lodge in St. Louis. Topics will include; Hiring Employees, Investigating Employee Misconduct, Staff Discipline and Dismissals, Competitive Bidding and Contracting Issues, Student Discipline and Special Education.

The Boot Camp is provided free of charge and lunch will be provided.

**Register today to secure your spot!**

**2019 MARE/MO K-8 Conference** - The 2019 conference is set for Wednesday, October 23rd through Friday, October 25th at The Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Missouri. More information will be posted soon regarding the Conference Schedule, General Sessions, Small Group Sessions, etc. Please make plans now to join us!

**Did you Know** - MARE is governed by an Executive Board consisting of ten (10) practicing School District Superintendents, one (1) Higher Education Representative, one (1) Missouri K-8 Representative and two (2) current members of school district Boards. For more information about MARE, contact Kevin Sandlin at (660) 747-8050!

## News from NREA - The Rural Educator

### I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Where we are with FY 2020 appropriations** – It's still congressional recess through next week but as folks are returning from vacation and turning to the pressing work remaining this fall, we thought it would be helpful to provide a short update of the status and outlook for fiscal year (FY) 2020 appropriations for education.
  - **House action and new NDD caps** – The House has passed 10 of the 12 government funding bills, including the Labor-HHS-Education bill. That bill is \$11.8 billion above the current FY 2019 level, including a \$5.1 billion (7.2%) increase for the Department of Education. However, the House assumed a FY 2020 total for non-defense discretionary (NDD) programs that was \$10 billion above the level Congress later enacted in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019, which raised the defense and NDD caps for both FY 2020 and FY 2021. The enacted NDD level For FY 2020 is \$25 billion above the FY 2019 level.
  - **Senate expectations** – The Senate hasn't produced any of its bills, but Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Richard Shelby (R-AL) has divided the new discretionary total among the 12 subcommittees, and the earliest we expect to see the individual bill totals is when the first subcommittee bill is produced. That maybe the week of September 9, and it's possible that the first to be marked up will be the Labor-HHS-Education bill, followed by the Defense and the Energy and Water bill. Chairman Shelby has talked of packaging those three bills together for Senate floor consideration. We expect the Senate Labor-HHS-Education bill to have much less funding than the House bill because the NDD total is less than the House total, the Senate is reportedly preparing to use a significant chunk of the NDD increase for a border wall, and the new agreement on the caps provided less funding for the biennial census outside the caps which may mean more capped NDD funding is needed for the census than the House assumed. (The CEF Update of August 9 spells out in detail the rationale for what we expect.)
  - **CEF's actions** – This year we have consistently and repeatedly asked Congress to raise the NDD caps, to provide a larger allocation for the Labor-HHS-Education bill, and to use more of that funding on education programs. We shared that message with 41 congressional offices on CEF's Hill Advocacy Day in July, wrote letters of support for the deal to raise spending caps and for the House Labor-HHS-Education funding bill. We also wrote to Senate Appropriations Committee chair Shelby in a letter signed by 5 Alabama educators asking for a meeting to express the importance of education investments and to provide the maximum increase for the FY 2020 Labor-HHS-Education bill. We will continue to follow up!
- **Slides and information from last week's CEF research briefing on special education** – Thank you to those who participated in and attended last week's research briefing on special education. The information was fantastic and very helpful. The presenters' slides are attached, which provide a wealth of background information about the program and specifics about funding formulas. In addition, Noelle Ellerson Ng with AASA mentioned the role Medicaid plays in providing services in schools to students with disabilities; you can find more information about that here.
- **Welcome to new CEF member Learning Policy Institute** – We are pleased that the Learning Policy Institute (LPI) has just joined CEF. LPI conducts research to advance evidence-based policies to improve education across the continuum from pre-K through post-secondary education and career readiness.

**Outstanding Rural Education Awards** - MARE is accepting nominations for the following awards to be presented as part of the MARE/MO K-8 Conference on Thursday, October 24th:

Outstanding Rural Support Staff Member Award  
Outstanding Rural Teacher Award  
Outstanding Rural Administrator Award  
Outstanding Rural School District Award

For more information on these awards, please access the [Nomination Form](#) or go to the MARE website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com). **The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, October 4th by 3:00 p.m!**

**MCE Policy Update** - August 2019 MCE Policy Updates are available on the MCE website <http://www.moconed.com>. If you have questions, please contact Tom Mickes (314) 878-5600 or Bill Ray (816) 591-1985.

### **Quote of the Week**

In an effective classroom, students should not only know what they are doing, they should also know why and how.

— Harry Wong

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