



MARE Focus

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- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

MARE Scholarship Programs – The Missouri Association of Rural Education sponsors two scholarship programs. The first program is open to any Missouri college junior or senior who is majoring in education. Application materials will be sent to all Missouri colleges that have an education program in early January. The second program is open to seniors of MARE member school districts. Eligible students must be planning to pursue a degree in education. Information regarding this program will be sent out to all High School Counselors in early January if not sooner.

MARE Superintendent Searches – MARE is conducting the following Superintendent Searches:

Canton R-V School District – Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. Phone: (573) 365-4703 or email: paulricker1@charter.net. Deadline to submit an application is Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

For complete information on these vacancies, please go the MARE website: www.moare.com.

Other Vacancies Posted

- *Assistant Superintendent – Chillicothe R-II School District
- *Special Services Director – Chillicothe R-II School District

2018 Boys State Information - The American Legion Boys State of Missouri is an eight-day hands-on experience in the operation and fundamentals of government. Missouri Boys State draws together the best and brightest high school juniors to help lead them down the path of individual success and leadership through "doing," not just learning. For more information on this wonderful opportunity, please check out the website at <https://www.moboyssstate.org/>.

MARE Superintendent Search Program – One of the services that our organization provides is the Superintendent Search Program. Over the last three years, MARE Search Consultants have completed twenty-seven searches from schools all over the state. If you are retiring or leaving your district, we would love the opportunity to help your Board select the next leader. More information on the program can be accessed on our website.

Survey Opportunity – Dr. Greg Stratman, President of the Rolla 31 Board of Education, has created a survey intended for Superintendents. The survey seeks to gather information that may then be used to help provide faculty

instructors (at no cost) in various subjects to districts across the state. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QP8THCP>. I would encourage you to take a few moments and complete this survey.

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!

School Board Training Dates

We may offer one or two additional Board Training sessions after December. If you have Board members who need training, please let us know. We will need to have 7-10 members within a geographical area to make this work.

Legal Articles – We have added a number of new legal articles to our website recently. 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.

2017-2018 Missouri School Directories – We have some additional directories available at \$12.50 each. If you are interested, please contact me. (You do not have to be a MARE member to purchase these excess directories!)

MARE Associate Members – If you are in need of products or services, please give one of our Associate Members a call! A complete listing of MARE Associate Members can be found on the website!

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.

Immediate Executive Board Vacancy – MARE has a vacancy on the Executive Board for a Region C representative. Region C includes the following counties: Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, Greene, Webster, Newton, Christian, McDonald, Berry, Stone and Taney. If you are interested in being considered for this vacancy, please send a letter or email to my attention at the address listed below.

MCE Policy Updates – The November 2017 policy updates regarding homeless students and foster care students 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. If you have questions, please contact Tom Mickes or Bill Ray.

Survey of School Board Members & Superintendents

Many of you should have received a mailed copy of a survey that was provided by Dr. Jon Turner and others with Missouri State University. The survey sought to gather information from Board members and Superintendents across the state. The **deadline for submission of the survey has been extended until December 24th**. Please access this information and take a few minutes to complete it. MARE will receive a copy of the results of the survey and we hope to be able to use the information gathered as we plan for future events for the organization. If you need further information, please contact JonSTurner@MissouriState.edu.

Modern States Education Alliance Partners With the National Rural Education Association to Help Bring Top Quality College Courses to High School Students

To learn more about this opportunity please access the following link:
http://www2.marketwire.com/mw/release.html_b1?release_id=1326305

Quote of the Week

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”
Author - Henry B Adams

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