



MARE Focus

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FROM THE DESK OF MR. KEVIN SANDLIN, MARE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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- EDPLUS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- GIRLS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

Superintendent Search Program

– MARE has been retained to conduct the following Superintendent Searches:

Superintendent Search – St. Clair R-XIII – Mary Beth Scherer is the Search Consultant. Mary Beth may be reached at (660) 281-7678 or at mbscherer@ucmo.edu. **Closing (1/11/24)!**

Superintendent Search – Ash Grove R-IV – Dr. Michael Jinks is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or at 19mj46@charter.net. **Closing (1/3/24)!**

Superintendent Search – Van Far R-I – Dr. Jerry Cochran is the Search Consultant. He can be reached at (660) 596-3184 or at cochranj115@gmail.com. **Closing (1/12/24)!**

Superintendent Search – Kennett 39 - Darryl Pannier is the Search Consultant. Darryl can be reached at (573) 803-9008 or at darrylpannier@yahoo.com. **Closing (1/4/24)!**

Principal/Superintendent Search – Kingston 42 – More information TBA! **Closing is TBA!**

Superintendent Search – Chadwick R-I – More information TBA soon! **Closing is TBA!**

Closed Searches – South Holt Co. R-I, Marion Co. R-II, North Andrew R-VI, La Plata R-II, Sullivan, Spring Bluff R-XV, Scott City R-I, Shelby Co. R-IV, Central R-III, Ralls Co. R-II & Spokane R-VII!

*** More Searches to be Posted Soon

All Vacancy Announcements & Applications – www.moare.com!

Opportunity to Help One of our Own – Wade Schroeder

Please consider this opportunity to help one of our own!

I thought you might be interested in supporting this GoFundMe, <https://gofund.me/84af91be>. Even a small donation could help Natalie Burns reach their fundraising goal. And if you can't make a donation, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser to help spread the word. Thanks for taking a look! Not sure it copied but this is on Wade Schroeder who has been battling cancer.

MARE Scholarship Information

– MARE awarded a total of 52 scholarships last year including 22 - \$1,000.00 scholarships to college juniors/seniors, 29 - \$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors from MARE member school districts and a \$2,500.00 scholarship in memory of Dr. Matt Bushey. Proceeds from the annual golf tournament are our primary source of funding for scholarships. Due to the generous support of many of our Associate Members and other donors, we will be awarding additional scholarships and increasing the HS Scholarship Awards to \$750.00 during 2024! **(\$211,500.00 awarded!)**

[2023 HS Senior Scholarship Guidelines & Application](#)

[2023 MARE College Scholarship Guidelines & Application](#)

Happy Holidays from MARE!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is Available in Missouri!



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by delivering high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to the homes of registered children under age 5, at no cost to the family.

The Missouri Imagination Library was made possible by legislation (Section 178.694 RSMo) that identifies school districts as the local partner for this initiative. Full funding was included in DESE's Fiscal Year 2024 budget to establish and administer Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for all children in Missouri age 0-5.

There is no cost to schools for the books or the postage to deliver them.

Sign up your child for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

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For financial support tailored to your district's unique needs, contact us:



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Varsity Tutors for Schools Platform Access – Now Available!

- **Enabling Access to Varsity Tutors for Schools**
 - District-wide

- No cost access for the Varsity Tutors for Schools platform
- Easy Single Sign-On enablement (Clever, ClassLink, etc.)
- No cost access to the Varsity Tutors for Schools platform will be available through 6/30/2027.

[Varsity Tutors for Schools Platform Access](#)

Save the Date - The 14th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 15th at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. We will accept the first 36 paid teams for this event. Last year's event raised over \$34,300.00 to be earmarked for scholarships for students interested in teaching in rural Missouri schools.

[Plan now to join us!](#)

[Brain Injury Association Scholarship Opportunity](#)

Educational Scholarships Available Deadline: December 15, 2023

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) is pleased to offer educational scholarships for survivors of brain injury to pursue post-secondary education.

Please share this information with students who may qualify.

BIA-MO Educational Scholarships Overview

All BIA-MO Educational Scholarships are only available for survivors of brain injury to pursue post-secondary education. Educational Institutions include two-year colleges, four-year colleges or universities, and vocational and trade schools.

Scholarship funding can only be used for expenses directly related to post-secondary education. Allowable expenses include tuition, room and board, books, required class material such as workbooks, specialized tools, etc. Scholarship amount is \$750 per award.

Available Scholarships - with one application

- 21-14 Concussion Awareness Foundation Educational Scholarship
- Griggs Injury Law Educational Scholarship
- Linda Hobbs Arts Education Scholarship
- LifeStreams Rehabilitation Educational Scholarship
- Ransin Injury Law Educational Scholarship
- SSM Health Rehabilitation Network Educational Scholarship
- Jim and Lori Winter Scholarship

BIA-MO Scholarship Application Cover Sheet and Supporting Material

Deadline: December 15, 2023

[Apply Online](#) or [Download Application](#)

Submit application to:

Mail: Brain Injury Association of Missouri, Inc.
2265 Schuetz Road
Saint Louis, MO 63146-3409

Fax: (314) 426-3290 **Email:** info@biamo.org **Online:** [Scholarship Application](#)

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links:

MARE Board Training Opportunities - MARE will provide Board Training in 2024 for newly elected or appointed BOE members according to this schedule:

Southeast Missouri - Poplar Bluff, MO – Holiday Inn – (573) 712-9021

- Friday, May 31, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 1, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

West Central Missouri - Warrensburg, MO – Quality Inn - (660) 747-3000

- Friday, June 14, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 15, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Northeast Missouri - Kirksville, MO - Holiday Inn Express (660) 956-4682

- Friday, June 14, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 15, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Southwest Missouri - Bolivar, MO - Comfort Inn - (417) 326-6169

- Friday, June 21, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 22, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Northwest Missouri - Maryville, MO - Holiday Inn Express (660) 562-9949

- Friday, July 12, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, July 13, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Wednesday, October 16, 2024 (11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, October 17, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Lake Ozark, MO - The Lodge of the Four Seasons

- Friday, December 6, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, December 7, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

***** Please share this information with any new Board member who has not completed the 18.5 hours of required training! MARE is an approved Board Training provider!**

To register, please complete the form found on our website 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.

Preparing for the Upcoming Fight for Public Education

The fight will continue in Jefferson City regarding Open Enrollment. It is anticipated that legislation similar to HB 253 will be on the floor of the House very early in the session. It is time again for public Missouri school districts to stand up and make their voices heard regarding this matter. Please review previous information that has been sent out, including the information contained in the links below and take action. Working together, we can defeat this legislation but it is going to take all of us! Please join the fight! If your district has passed a resolution in opposition, please share that with your respective legislators and share a copy of this with your local or regional newspaper!

[HB 253 Open Enrollment](#)
[Open Enrollment - Board Resolution in Opposition](#)
[Open Enrollment - Talking Points](#)

More updated information will be forthcoming. **Please make this a priority issue for your BOE at your November, December, January or February board meeting. Please provide me with an electronic copy of your resolution once approved by your BOE!**

MARE Board Elections for 2024 – MARE will be electing Regional Executive Board Members in Regions B, D, F, H and J this year. In addition, one member from a MARE member school district's BOE and a MO K-8 Representative will be appointed by the current MARE Board. More information on this will be shared soon!
Due to retirements, we are looking for a Region B and Region H MARE Board Representative. If interested, please let Dr. Cochran or myself know.

Representative Regions by Counties

Region B: Counties of – Gasconade, Franklin, Crawford, Washington, Iron, Reynolds, St. Francis, Ste. Genevieve, Jefferson, Perry and St. Louis. **(Dr. Kruse retiring!)**

Region D: Counties of – Laclede, Camden, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Dent. **(Dr. Price wants to continue to serve!)**

Region F: Counties of – Jackson, Cass, Lafayette, Johnson, Henry, Saline, Pettis, Cooper, Moniteau and Morgan. **(Dr. Marnholtz wants to continue to serve!)**

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

(Mr. Troy Clawson is retiring!)

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

(Dr. Brian Robinson wants to continue to serve!)

Thanks for Making a Difference for Kids and Communities!

Quote of the Week

Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world's work, and the power to appreciate life.

– Brigham Young

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