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DECEMBER 15, 2022

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

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Open Enrollment – Stand Up and Be Counted! - For the past several legislative sessions of the Missouri General Assembly, the issue of open enrollment for all Missouri school districts has been debated. This proposed legislation is going to be debated again this year during the 2023 legislative session. We believe that this issue will be taken up quickly in the Missouri House. A copy of this House Bill 253 sponsored by Representative Brad Pollitt is attached for your consideration.

Most statewide education groups, organizations, and cooperatives are opposed to open enrollment. A number of conversations and meetings have been held as groups have begun to collaborate regarding this important issue and how we can work together to provide our respective memberships with information and ideas to voice their opposition. The first piece of this collaboration is a proposed resolution opposing open enrollment. Duane Martin (EdCounsel) has drafted a sample resolution (attached) so that administrators, in conjunction with their boards of education, can proactively take a stand in opposition to open enrollment and share that information with their local representatives and senators.

It is the opinion of many associations that open enrollment is not good for local school districts or public education in general within our state. Attached to this message is a list of some of the major talking points against open enrollment that you can share with your board and other constituents within your community.

It is my firm conviction that it is time for our local school districts to stand up and be heard regarding this damaging and potentially devastating legislation. Our goal is to secure 350-400 or more resolutions in opposition to open enrollment. We believe that this will send a clear message to our representatives and senators and that our efforts will have an impact on the discussions and votes that will be held when this issue comes up. I am respectfully asking that you share all of this information with your local BOE, have the conversation regarding open enrollment and pass a resolution in opposition.

If you do take this action, please scan and send me a copy of the signed resolution for my records. If I can answer any further questions, please reach out to me. Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

[HB 253 - Open Enrollment](#)

[Open Enrollment - Board Resolution in Opposition](#)

[Open Enrollment - Talking Points](#)

Finance Matters - Two quick items related to finance. First, each school district across the state will be receiving significant local tax revenue checks in December and January. With interest rates on the rise please remember to reach out to John Jungmann jjungmann@pmanetwork.com and Jason Hoffman jhoffman@pmanetwork.com at MOCAAT. They are great partners of MARE and can help you determine how best to invest these revenues and generate interest income for your district. **Also, I recently sent out a message asking you to let me know if you plan to run a bond issue or lease purchase proposal in April. If you haven't had a chance to respond yet please let me know ASAP.**

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

Rock Port R-II Superintendent Search – Dr. Michael Jinks is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or at 19mj46@charter.net. **Deadline is 12/28/2022!**

Green Ridge R-VIII Superintendent Search – Dr. Jerry Cochran is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 596-3184 or at cochranj115@gmail.com. **Deadline is 01/16/2023!**

North Callaway Co. R-I Superintendent Search – Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (573) 365-4703 or at paulricker1@charter.net. **Deadline is 01/06/2023!**

East Prairie R-II Superintendent Search – Mr. Darryl Pannier is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (573) 803-9008 or at darrylpannier@yahoo.com. **Deadline is 1/9/2023!**

Nodaway Holt R-VII Superintendent Search – Dr. Jerry Cochran is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (550) 596-3184 or at cochranj115@gmail.com. **Deadline is 1/16/2023!**

More Openings to be posted soon!

Other Administrative Vacancies – Please note the following opportunities:

Warrensburg R-VI Superintendent, Summersville R-II Superintendent, Cole Camp R-I Superintendent, Holliday C-2 Superintendent/Principal, Morgan Co. R-II Special Services Director

(Check out the appropriate district website for more information!)

Note from Dr. Karl Janson – If you used ESSER funds to pay for transportation, please check your recent transportation allocation from DESE. You will likely experience a reduced allocation amount.

MARE District Membership – MARE is growing with current membership at **407** public school districts! MARE would like to welcome the following school districts as either new or returning MARE members: **Gasconade Co. R-I, Clinton, Brookfield R-III, Naylor R-II, Summersville R-II, Norwood R-I, Clinton Co. R-III, Tri-County R-VII, Blair Oaks R-II, Excelsior Springs 40 & Winfield R-IV**. 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.

NREA News – For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Weekly Update - November 18, 2022](#), [NREA Weekly Update - December 2, 2022](#)

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EdPlus Chief Executive Officer Vacancy

POSITION OPENING Chief Executive Officer— EducationPlus Resources, Inc.

© About The Job

EducationPlus Resources, Inc. is a non-profit education consortium that serves teachers, administrators, support staff and school board members in nearly 60 public school districts in eight Missouri counties and two Illinois counties. The mission of EducationPlus is to provide member school districts with high-quality and cost-effective services, resources, and leadership to achieve educational excellence for all students. EducationPlus Resources, Inc. is seeking a proven leader to serve as its next Chief Executive Officer.

Qualified candidates are invited to apply.

Questions concerning the search process should be directed to: Dr. Steve Griggs (314) 692-1209 sgriggs@edplus.org

MARE Associate Members – MARE is very appreciative of our one hundred (100) Associate Members and their loyal and generous support for the work here at MARE. For a complete listing of our Associate Members, please go to www.moare.com!

Save the Date - The 13th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 17th at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. More information will be sent out and posted soon! **Please join us!**

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MARE Scholarship Information – MARE awarded a total of 53 scholarships last year including 23 - \$1,000.00 scholarships to college juniors/seniors and 30 - \$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors from MARE member school districts. 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 during 2023! Information has been sent out & posted for both scholarships!

HS Senior Applications – Deadline 3/10/23, College Applications – Deadline 3/31/23!

2022-2023 Missouri School Directory – 2022-2023 Missouri School Directories were mailed to all who had not picked up their copy at a MASA area meeting. We have extra copies available and these make excellent Christmas presents for Board Secretaries, Bookkeepers, Athletic Directors and others! **Additional copies - \$16.00 each!**

MARE Board Training Opportunities - MARE will provide Board Training in 2023 for newly elected or appointed BOE members according to this schedule

MARE Board Training Dates – 2023

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

- Friday, May 19, 2023 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 20, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

West Central Missouri - Warrensburg, MO – Best Western - (660) 747-3000

- Friday, June 09, 2023 - (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 10, 2023 - (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 16, 2023- (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 17, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 23, 2023 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 24, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, July 14, 2023 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, July 15, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Wednesday, October 18, 2023 (11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, October 19, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Lake Ozark, MO - The Lodge of the Four Seasons (Deadline to register - November 19th!)

- **Friday, December 08, 2023 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)**
- **Saturday, December 09, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

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).

National Center for Rural School Mental Health Opportunity – I visited with Dr. Lou Ann Tanner-Jones recently about this grant opportunity. I would highly encourage our member districts to reach out to her and consider taking part in this study. I am confident it will greatly benefit your district, especially your students.



Exciting opportunity! Your school or co-op is invited to participate in a study focused on improving the capacity of rural schools to support student emotional and behavioral well-being. Participating schools will be randomly assigned to either receive data reports and consultation versus receiving reports in Spring and consultation the following year.

Project Description

Schools will be **randomly** assigned to two groups: intervention schools and control schools.

2022-2023 (Year 1)	
Intervention schools (Get Now)	Control schools (Get Later)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ \$1500 participation stipend ✓ School climate survey and reports ✓ Early Intervention System (EIS), a universal social emotional screener and reports ✓ EIS intervention hub and professional development ✓ Monthly consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ \$1000 participation stipend ✓ School climate survey and reports ✓ Early Intervention System (EIS), a universal social emotional screener (reports in Spring)
2023-2024 (Year 2)	
Intervention schools	Control Schools
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ school climate survey and reports ✓ EIS screener and reports ✓ EIS intervention hub and professional development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ \$500 participation stipend ✓ School climate survey and reports ✓ Early Intervention System (EIS), a universal social emotional screener and reports ✓ EIS intervention hub and professional development ✓ Monthly consultation

All participating schools will have free access to all materials and tools following participation in year 1.

School Data Collection Requirements

All participating schools:

- Complete a school climate survey in the fall and spring.
- Complete universal social emotional and behavioral screening in fall and spring (teacher and students)

Interested? For more information or questions contact:

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