



MARE Focus

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MARE Administrative Search Services

Closed Searches - Wellsville Middletown R-I, Strasburg C-3, Canton R-V (HS Principal), Fulton 58 and Adair Co. R-I

Other Vacancies Posted on the MARE website:

Superintendent of Schools - Bradleyville R-I - For more information contact, Scott Ewing, Superintendent, at (417) 796-2288 or Rhonda Cook at rcook@bradleyviller1.com.

Superintendent of Schools - Prairie Home R-V - For more information contact, Michelle Rex, Superintendent, at (660) 841-5296 or by email at rexm@prairiehome.k12.mo.us.

Superintendent of Schools - Deshler Public School (Nebraska) - For more information, please access www.nrcsa.net. Deadline is December 5, 2019!

MARE Board Training Program Update

- The new Board Refresher Training video links were emailed to all MARE member school district Superintendents last week. If you did not receive the email, please contact me. We are in the process of developing our schedule of Board Training events for 2020. This schedule will be posted not later than March 1, 2020!

*** It is possible that MARE may provide a few more Board Training opportunities after the conference but prior to the April elections. If you have Board members in need of training, please let me know!**

Scholarship Program Information

- 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 late November. 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 late November. **Please access the information for each scholarship linked on the notice for this document!**

MARE Board Elections

- MARE will be electing Regional Executive Board Members in Regions B, D, F, H and J this year. Additionally, one member from a MARE member school district's Board of Education and a MO K-8 Representative will be appointed or selected. Board members will be announced at the May 4th Executive Board Meeting. Terms for newly elected or appointed members will begin on July 1, 2020.

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.

For more information on this opportunity, please check out the article on the MARE website at www.moare.com!

PSRS/PEERS Board of Trustees Vacancies - PSRS/PEERS Board of Trustees has two pending vacancies to fill with the retirements of Dr. Aaron Zalis and Ms. Yvonne Heath effective June 30, 2020. For more information on these vacancies, please access the website at www.psrs-peers.org.

News from NREA - The Rural

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE "I AM A RURAL TEACHER" CAMPAIGN

Last week, [we launched our new project "I Am a Rural Teacher"](#). This **narrative-focused national media campaign** will feature ten diverse rural teacher voices. In these media pieces, we will highlight both the opportunities and challenges that passionate educators face in their positions. Additionally, we will place the teachers and schools in the context of their rural communities, to illustrate the critical role that rural schools play in their broader communities.

We will be featuring rural educators from the Ozarks, Midwest, Southwest, Southern Border, Appalachia, Northern California, Rocky Mountains, Upper Plains, New England, and Alabama's Black Belt.

I Am a Rural Teacher is a collaboration between the [Community Foundation of the Ozarks](#), Rural Schools Collaborative, [National Rural Education Association](#), [Alabama's Black Belt Teacher Corps](#), and [Missouri's Ozarks Teacher Corps](#). The project is funded by the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#).

The "I Am a Rural Teacher" Campaign is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. We want to thank them for providing a national platform for authentic rural teacher voices. Stay tuned! <http://ruralschoolscollaborative.org/stories/you-are-invited-to-join-the-i-am-a-rural-teacher-campaign>

Commentary: How to Make Rural Development More Than Industrial Recruitment

Small towns have more to offer than cheap land and tax abatements. Building a development plan based on holistic community needs can be a recipe for economic and social success.

By **Scott Thompson**

<https://www.dailyonder.com/commentary-how-to-make-rural-development-more-than-industrial-recruitment/2019/11/15/>

Rural areas like Appalachia are our country's backbone. More must be done to save them

BY MARK REESE <https://www.kentucky.com/opinion/op-ed/article237498649.html>

Report: Rural schools struggle to make do with low funding <https://www.ajc.com/news/state--regional-education/new-report-georgia-rates-poorly-rural-education/aK3Aldb7IkzQpf0kZzwxUJ/>

Missouri Combatting the Opioid Epidemic in Schools

The Missouri Association of Rural Education, along with numerous other organizations, is participating on a Workforce Task Group, to review issues and share information centering around the opioid epidemic that is facing our nation, state, local communities and even many of our school districts.

[Opioid Presentation - Dr. Melissa Maras, MARE/MO K-8 Conference](#)

[Missouri's Opioid Crisis - What's Being Done and How You Can Help!](#)

Here are some additional links to awesome resources that you can use in your schools and share with your community.

COPE: Opioid and Prescription Drug Prevention Education

(<https://t.e2ma.net/message/9bl6lb/xawcdu>)

·COPE: Heroin & Opioid Awareness and Prevention Toolkit

(<https://t.e2ma.net/message/hma7lb/xawcdu>)

·COPE: Parents 360Rx (<https://t.e2ma.net/message/xeb7lb/xawcdu>)

·COPE: Above the Influence (<https://t.e2ma.net/message/d7b7lb/xawcdu>)

SM Wilson offers "Skilled" - Construction Career Program

November 25, 2019

SM Wilson has rolled out a new Construction Career Education Program entitled "Skilled." For more information on this exciting program please access the links below:

[Skilled - Construction Career Education Program](#)

[Skilled video link](#)

Quote of the Week

"Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence, and making sure that impact lasts during your absence!" (Unknown)

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