



MARE Focus

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- EDPLUS
- ED TECH PARTNERS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

- Ray, Jerry and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! In January of 2019, MARE will be celebrating its 32nd anniversary of promoting, protecting and advocating for rural school districts as an organization. We are truly fortunate to be able to count 373 of the school districts across the state as MARE members.

MARE Superintendent Searches

Closed Superintendent Searches: Central R-III, West St. Francois Co. R-IV, Scott County R-IV and Hermitage R-IV

* We anticipate the posting of a few new searches within the next few weeks!

Other Vacancies

- We have the following additional vacancies posted on our site:

Richland R-IV School District - Superintendent of Schools for 2019-2020

Gasconade County R-II School District - High School Principal for 2019-2020

West St. Francois Co. R-IV - High School Principal, Middle School Principal and Elementary Principals for 2019-2020

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.

MARE Associate Directory - Coming Soon!

- One of the projects that we are working on is to create a MARE Associate Directory that will provide information for our member school districts. I am requesting that all of our Associate Members send me an email containing a paragraph that highlights your organization, including contact information, a link to your website and a picture and or logo to include. The directory will be organized by services or products provided.

School Board Training Dates

- MARE will be providing a number of required Board Training sessions around the state after the April elections. Be sure to check out our website for more information soon concerning these regional events.

To register, go online (www.moare.com) and complete the electronic form found under Board Training or contact Kevin Sandlin at ksandlin@moare.com.

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

MARE Associate Members - If you are in need of products or services, please give one of our Associate Members a call. Please access this link for a complete listing of current [Associate Members](#).

Quote of the Week

“Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students. What better books can there be than the book of humanity.”
Cesar Chavez

Save the Date - Make plans now to participate in the 9th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament to be held at Osage National Golf Course on Tuesday, July 30, 2019! More information will be provided next Spring!

MARE Board Elections - MARE will be electing Regional Executive Board Members in Regions A, C, E, G and I this year. Additionally, one member from a MARE member school district’s Board of Education and a Higher Education representative will be selected. Board members will be announced at the May 6th Executive Board Meeting. Terms for newly elected or appointed members begin on July 1, 2019.

Region A Counties of: Bates, Vernon, Barton, Cedar, St. Clair, Benton, Hickory, Polk, and Dallas

Region C Counties of: Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Barry, Lawrence, Dade, Greene, Christian, Stone, Taney, and Webster

Region E Counties of: Dunklin, Pemiscot, New Madrid, Mississippi, Scott, Stoddard, Gape Girardeau, Bollinger, Madison, Wayne and Butler

Region G Counties of: Wright, Douglas, Ozark, Texas, Howell, Shannon, Oregon, Carter, and Ripley

Region I Counties of: Mercer, Grundy, Livingston, Carroll, Putnam, Sullivan, Linn, Chariton, Schuyler, Adair, Macon, Randolph, Howard and Boone

Legal Hotline Service – One of the greatest benefits that MARE member school districts receive is the opportunity to participate in the Legal Hotline Consultation Service. This service allows for unlimited telephone consultations with a school attorney to get answers to minor legal issues. The following terms pertain to this MARE member service:

- Annual MARE membership must be current.
- **The district staff making the call must inform the attorney that this is a MARE member school district phone call.**
- The service provided must be of an advisory nature.

- The service does not include the following:
 - 1) In-depth research
 - 2) Preparation of documents
 - 3) Review of documents mailed or faxed to the firm
 - 4) Written opinions
 - 5) Any consultation in conjunction with the firm's current representation of the district.

Participating firms include – EdCounsel, Guin Mundorf, Mickes O'Toole and Thomeczek & Brink (This firm sets an annual limit of two free legal consults regarding special education issues.) If you have questions regarding this service, please give me a call.

2019 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. 2019 Boys State will be held June 15th through June 22nd at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. For more information, check out the website at www.moboystate.org.

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 December. 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 December. Please access the information below:

[..\Scholarship Folder\Guidelines & Application for College Scholarships.doc](#)

[..\Scholarship Folder\Guidelines & Application for Senior Scholarships.doc](#)

New Associate Member - Web School Tools - MARE is pleased to welcome Web School Tools as our newest Associate Member.

Web School Tools is designed by educators for use by educators. Our goal is to design user friendly software that is efficient and effective. We offer customized data solutions for schools. Our products include: Paperless Board Meetings, Podium Interactive Display Boards, GradeWatch Missing Assignment Tracking, Track and Field Meet Management, Online Forms, Curriculum Mapping, Testing Software, Data Team Management, and more.

For more information on this member, please check out their website at:

<http://www.webschooltools.com/>

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