



MARE Focus

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Superintendent Search Program

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

Superintendent Search - Concordia R-II - Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. Mike can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or by email at 19mj46@charter.net. (12/29/2021)

Superintendent Search - Northeast Vernon Co. R-I - Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. Mike can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or by email at 19mj46@charter.net. (01/14/2022)

Superintendent Search - Newburg R-II - Mr. Darryl Pannier is the Search Consultant. Darryl can be reached by phone at (573) 803-9008 or by email at darrylpannier@yahoo.com. (01/14/2022)

Superintendent Search - Norborne R-VIII - Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. Mike can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or by email at 19mj46@charter.net. (01/14/2022)

Superintendent Search - Cole Co. R-I - Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. Paul can be reached by phone at (573) 365-4703 or by email at paulricker1@charter.net. (01/21/2022)

Superintendent Search - Northeast Randolph Co. R-IV - Dr. Jerry Cochran is the Search Consultant. Jerry can be reached by phone at (660) 668-3787 or by email at cochranj115@gmail.com. (01/21/2022)

Superintendent Search - Osage Co. R-II - Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. Paul can be reached by phone at (573) 365-4703 or by email at paulricker1@charter.net. (01/28/2022)

Superintendent Search - Prairie Home R-V - Dr. Jerry Cochran is the Search Consultant. Jerry can be reached by phone at (660) 668-3787 or by email at cochranj115@gmail.com. (TBD)

Superintendent Search - Fair Play R-II - Mr. Darryl Pannier is the Search Consultant. Darryl can be reached by phone at (573) 803-9008 or by email at darrylpannier@yahoo.com. (TBD)

Superintendent Search - Wellington-Napoleon R-IX - Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. Mike can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or by email at 19mj46@charter.net. (TBD)

Superintendent Search - Gallatin R-V - Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. Paul can be reached by phone at (573) 365-4703 or by email at paulricker1@charter.net. (TBD)

Other Vacancies Listed on website

Superintendent - Willard Public Schools - Deadline 01/15/2022!

Free Student Desks Available

We are trying to help this school in STL find new homes for about 450 student desk – which are in the attached picture.

They are FREE – all someone has to do is come to STL to pick them up.

Would you want to share this with your members to see if anyone needs them for their schools?

Thanks for any help you can provide – we'd just like to help keep them from going to the landfill.

If interested, please contact St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic School, 4711 Tamm Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, 63109, (314) 353-1229.

MARE Welcomes ACI Boland Architects

MARE is pleased to welcome ACI Boland Architects as our newest Associate Member. For more information on this company and the services that they provide, please see below:

Established in 1975, ACI Boland Architects is known for the remarkable journeys we make possible for our clients and that starts with understanding their vision in order to guide them toward the right solutions.

Throughout our history, education design has been a core pillar of our practice. We understand a variety of education spaces and revel in the challenges of each type.

Our Learn Studio is grounded in the belief that spaces that cultivate knowledge, experimentation, and exploration are critical. Our passion is responding to the uniqueness of each project and each student whose educational journey will be impacted by how we do our jobs.

With experts in topics ranging from flexible learning to safety and security to athletics, we specialize in spaces that support the intellectual, physical, and emotional development of all students.

For more information, click here - <https://www.aciboland.com/learn/>

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Kincaid Virtual Security Summit

ONE-DAY VIRTUAL SECURITY SUMMIT

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM CST

Join us for this **no cost event** as our expert panel discusses security strategies and emerging security threats facing schools and organizations. You won't want to miss our Keynote Speaker, Geoffrey Jenista, Homeland Security Cybersecurity Advisor as he shares best practices for school IT administrators. Sessions throughout the day will help you learn more about recommended security settings within your Google Workspace admin console, tactics to keep your data secure, how to keep students safer online and more. [Reserve your spot online here.](#)

RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Learning Blade Back-to-School Webinars

Welcome back to the start of a great semester. Register for one of Learning Blade's upcoming Back-to-School webinars where we will focus on important topics as well as provide refresher training on the Learning Blade resource. (Learning Blade provides schools 400 online, grade 5-9 standards-aligned lessons focusing on over 100 STEM/CS/CTE careers and technologies in addition to teacher lesson plans and PBL activities.)

Middle Schools Can Build Tomorrow's Workforce

Monday, January 3, 2022, at 12:00pm CT (1:00 pm ET)

Increasing Underrepresented Participation in STEM Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 8:00 am CT (9:00 am ET)

STEM Challenges using Offline Resources

Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 11:00 am CT (12:00 pm noon ET)

Supporting Computer Science

Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 4:00 pm CT (5:00 pm ET)

CTE Perkins V in Middle School

Thursday, January 6, 2022, at 3:30 pm CT (4:30 pm ET)

A conversation with two STEM Educators of the Year

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 12:00 pm noon CT (1:00 pm ET)

Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 4:00 pm CT (5:00 pm ET)

To request (free) PD for your staff at a different time, or simply talk to our team about Learning Blade please email us at info@learningblade.com.

Defined Learning's Defined Academy Courses

To help you achieve the greatest outcomes from your project-based learning initiatives, we've added new flexible PBL professional learning opportunities. [Defined Academy](#) offers a variety of in-person and virtual skill-building courses to make PBL professional learning more effective for your whole staff.

Defined Academy's expert team will work with you to develop a customized professional learning program tailored to your district's goals and needs. We'll help your educators refine their instructional practices and improve student learning.

Learn more about our flexible professional learning opportunities in the [Defined Academy guide](#).

[Explore PBL Professional Learning](#)

What you'll like about our services...

- **Customizable:** Our dedicated team will work alongside you to develop a customized plan aligned with your goals and objectives
- **Easily accessible:** Attend virtual classes from anywhere in the world
- **Flexible and manageable:** Convenient new formats including self-paced modules
- **Engaging and effective:** Work with a Defined Learning mentor to bring real-world learning to your classrooms

MARE Scholarship Program Information - The Missouri Association of Rural Education offers two scholarship programs for students interested in becoming teachers and returning to rural school districts to teach. The first program is the MARE Rural Missouri Scholarship Fund. This program is open to only junior and senior level students attending Missouri colleges or universities that offer degrees in education. Applicants must have completed 60 or more credit hours and have declared a major in education. Over the past two years, MARE, with support from the key sponsors who support the Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament (**Veregy (Formerly CTS Group), UMB Bank, L.J. Hart & Company, Performance Services, MEUHP, Mickes O'Toole, LLC, Missouri Educators Health Group, Forrest T. Jones & Company, Guin Mundorf, LLC, American Fidelity, Tueth Keeney Cooper**

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[2021-2022 MARE College Scholarship Guidelines & Application](#)

The second scholarship program offered by MARE is open to graduating high school seniors of MARE member school districts. Applicants must have indicated plans to pursue a degree in education. Only senior students from MARE member school districts are eligible to apply. Over the past two years, MARE, with support from EdCounsel, LLC has provided fifty-five (55) \$500.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors from all over the state. Information for this program is available below. This information will be provided to all Missouri High School Counselors as well. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is March 11, 2022.

[2021-2022 MARE HS Senior Scholarship Guidelines & Application](#)

If you have any questions regarding these Scholarship Programs, please contact Kevin Sandlin, Executive Director, at (660) 747-8050 or ksandlin@moare.com.

Defined Learning Webinar Opportunity

Project-Based Learning (PBL) can seem daunting when you have time constraints, standards, and a curriculum map. Often, the push for better test scores and "basic skills" means certain students (e.g., those with low test scores, English Language Learners, Special Education students) are not given access to this engaging, empowering teaching method.

In this [complimentary webinar on January 26th](#), John Spencer and John Larmer will lay out the case for making PBL a reality for all students.

Can't attend on Wednesday, January 26th? Register now and we'll email you a copy of the webinar recording.

[Register Now](#)



Dr. John Spencer

Dr. John Spencer is a former middle school teacher and current college professor who is passionate about seeing kids reach their creative potential. He is the co-author of the bestselling books *Launch*, *Empower*, and *Vintage Innovation*.



John Larmer

John Larmer has spent over two decades providing PBL expertise and leadership. He co-developed the Education's model for Gold Standard PBL and is the author of several books on PBL for K-12 educators.

Register today to secure your spot on January 26th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. E.T., or to access the recording at your convenience.

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Weekly Update - December 17, 2021](#)

MARE Board Training Opportunities - MARE will provide Board Training in 2022 for newly elected or appointed BOE members according to the schedule noted below:

MARE Board Training Dates – 2022

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

- Friday, May 20, 2022 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 21, 2022 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

West Central Missouri - Warrensburg, MO - Comfort Inn - (660) 429-4848

- Friday, June 10, 2022 - (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 11, 2022 - (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 24, 2022 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 25, 2022 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, July 15, 2022 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, July 16, 2022 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 10, 2022- (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 11, 2022 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

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

- Wednesday, October 19, 2022 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

- **Thursday, October 20, 2022 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

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

- **Friday, December 9, 2022 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)**
- **Saturday, December 10, 2022 (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!**

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.

Quote of the Week

"New day - new start; new you, New Year! It's never too late to start anew, merely throw out the old and bring in the new." Jean Renee Porter

Did You Know? - MARE currently lists 395 of the public school districts in Missouri as member school districts. Our largest district has over 10,900 students, while our smallest has 23 students. MARE works diligently to represent rural education at the state and federal level! If you would like to learn more about MARE, please contact Kevin Sandlin, Executive Director, at (660) 747-8050 or by email at ksandlin@moare.com.

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