



# MARE Focus

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**MARE Superintendent Search Services** - MARE has been retained to conduct the following Administrative Searches:

**Great Circle - Vice President for Education Programs** - Dr. Michael Jinks is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or by email at [19mj46@charter.net](mailto:19mj46@charter.net). Information is attached on the MARE Focus Cover Page and posted on the MARE website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com). **Deadline to apply is Friday, February 21st!**

**Henry Co. R-I - Superintendent of Schools** - Dr. Jerry Cochran is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 596-3184 or by email at [cochranj115@gmail.com](mailto:cochranj115@gmail.com). **Deadline to apply is TBA.**

Welcome to the following individuals who have been selected to serve as Superintendents:  
**Adair Co. R-II Supt. for 2020-2021** - Mr. Josh Brummit, Secondary Principal at Atlanta C-3  
**Fulton 58 Superintendent for 2020-2021** - Dr. Ty Crain, Asst. Superintendent at Fulton 58  
**Strasburg C-3 Supt. for 2020-2021** - Ms. Chrystal Mayfield, Asst. Prin. at Harrisonville R-IX  
**Wellsville Middletown R-I Supt. for 2020-2021** - Dr. Erin Oligschlaeger, Director at Moberly  
**Mexico 59 Superintendent for 2020-2021** - TBA  
**Rich Hill R-IV Superintendent for 2020-2021** - Dr. Kevin Goddard, Supt. at Sarcoxie R-II

## Other Vacancies Posted

**Cole Camp R-I - Superintendent of Schools** - Contact Dr. Tim Roling for more information on this vacancy. [rolingt@colecamp.k12.mo.us](mailto:rolingt@colecamp.k12.mo.us). Deadline - February 19th!

**Monroe City R-I - Superintendent of Schools** - Contact Dr. Tracy Bottoms for more information on this vacancy. [tbottoms@monroe.k12.mo.us](mailto:tbottoms@monroe.k12.mo.us). Deadline - March 2nd!

**Gasconade Co. R-II - Process Coordinator & Elementary Principal** - Contact Dr. Chuck Garner for more information. [cgarner@dutchmen.us](mailto:cgarner@dutchmen.us).

**Legislative Alert** - School leaders, board members, teachers and other school patrons are encouraged to reach out to your respective State Senators regarding the following pieces of legislation that are likely going to be debated on the Senate Floor this week:

SB 649 (Eigel) - Charter Expansion

SB 581 (Cierpoit) - Voucher Tax Credits

SB 525 (Emery) - Charter Recovery High Schools

Please refer to the SAC Legislative Bulletin for talking points on these. All of these bills if enacted would further hurt Missouri public education!

**MARE Board Training Program Update** - 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!

## **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!**

**Deadline to apply for the HS Senior Scholarships is March 6, 2020!**

**Deadline to apply for the College Junior/Senior Scholarships is March 31, 2020!**

## **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](http://www.moare.com)!

## **10th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament**

The Missouri Association of Rural Education will be hosting our 10th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament on Monday, July 20th at the beautiful Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Over the past three years, with the assistance of our generous sponsors, we have been able to award \$76,000.00 in scholarship awards to both graduating HS Seniors and College Juniors/Seniors who have goals of becoming teachers in Missouri rural schools. Our annual golf tournament is our primary fundraiser to support these awards. Linked below this message are the various documents associated with this event including the Golf Tournament Flyer, Registration Form, Sponsorship Form, Letter to Superintendents and a Letter to Business Partners. Since our event is not directly tied to the annual DESE Summer Conference this year, we will be offering a Legal Seminar the morning of the event prior to registration and tournament play. More information will be released soon regarding that opportunity. If you have questions regarding this event, please reach out directly to me at (660) 747-8050 or by email at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

[2020 Golf Tournament Flyer](#)  
[Golf Sponsorship Information](#)  
[Golf Tournament Registration](#)

## News from NREA - The Rural Educator

**NREA official Podcast:** Welcome to the official podcast of the National Rural Education Association called the Rural Voice. Co-Hosted by Drs. Allen Pratt, Jared Bigham, and Christopher F. Silver, they discuss the common themes and experiences facing teachers, parents, and administrators in elementary and secondary rural education. <https://nrea.simplecast.com/episodes/s01e04-the-four-day>

**The New Science of Rural Education** [https://www.theatlantic.com/sponsored/chevron-stem-education/the-science-of-rural-education/207/?utm\\_source=twb](https://www.theatlantic.com/sponsored/chevron-stem-education/the-science-of-rural-education/207/?utm_source=twb)

**FDA Spread the Word: Science and Our Food Supply: Using the Nutrition Facts Label to Make Healthy Food Choices:** This is a nutrition-based curriculum that introduces students to the fundamentals of healthy food choices using the Nutrition Facts label as a starting point. [Here](#) is a link to the middle school curriculum, and [here](#) is the link to the high school curriculum.

**Read the Label Youth Outreach Materials:** These materials challenge children ages 9–13 to look for and use the Nutrition Facts label on food and beverage packages.

In addition, there are some images of the updated Nutrition Facts label available for download [here](#) and some information about the key changes to the label [here](#). The link [here](#) provides more information about other nutrition education materials we currently have available, including the materials listed above.

**Opinion: Rural Needs a Positive Vision to Survive and Thrive:** More people than ever need opportunities that rural America can provide. It's up to those who love those communities welcome the next generations of rural Americans. <https://www.dailyonder.com/opinion-rural-needs-a-positive-vision-to-survive-and-thrive/2020/02/12/>

**Maine DOE Warns That State Could Lose More Than \$1 Million In Federal Grants For Rural Schools By Robbie Feinberg** <https://www.mainepublic.org/post/maine-doe-warns-state-could-lose-more-1-million-federal-grants-rural-schools> . <https://cpa.ds.npr.org/mpbn/audio/2020/02/robbie20200211.mp3>

**Want to bridge urban-rural divide? Let employees work remotely, says economic developer**  
BY Don Kirkman

<https://www.wraltechwire.com/2020/02/11/want-to-bridge-urban-rural-divide-let-employees-work-remotely-says-economic-developer/>

CEF:

**House Members have one month to submit requests to Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee** – Starting today until March 13, House members can submit electronic requests for program funding or language to be included in the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill. Subcommittee Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) has [posted a letter](#) explaining the process. Members of Congress must rank their priorities in their letters. House leadership has expressed its goal of passing the majority of FY 2021 appropriations bills by the end of June, so we expect that the first of the 12 appropriations bills might be produced in April. We also expect that the Appropriations Committee will hold hearings on the FY 2021 budget with many of the cabinet secretaries, but none has yet been announced.

**Senate outside witness testimony for Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee** – Outside witnesses may submit written testimony on the FY 2021 budget to the Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee from now through May 22. Instructions on the process are posted [here](#). That deadline implies that we won't be seeing the FY 2021 appropriations bill in the Senate until June at the earliest.

**Next Week is Missouri Week for the NREAC's "I Am A Rural Teacher Campaign" - Please check out the MARE website at the end of this week for more information as our state is featured!**

## 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!](#)

**2020 Missouri Boys State** - Missouri Boys State will be held June 13-20, 2020 at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. For more information, go to <https://www.boysstate.org>. **MARE sponsors Missouri Boys State!**

**2020 Missouri Girls State** - Missouri Girls State will be held June 21-27, 2020 at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. For more information on this opportunity, please access [MissouriGirlsState.org](http://MissouriGirlsState.org). **MARE sponsors Missouri Girls State!**

### **Save the Date**

**2020 MARE/MO K-8 Conference** - Scheduled on October 21-23, 2020 at the Lodge of Four Seasons. Please make plans now to attend this growing event!

### **Quote of the Week**

**"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not followers."  
Ralph Nader**

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