



MARE Focus

FEBRUARY 20, 2023

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

ENDORSEMENTS

American Fidelity Assurance Co.

Claim Care, Inc.

Forrest T. Jones & Co.

Hamlin Energy

IMS Technology

L.J. Hart & Company

MASA MTS

MEUHP

Mike Keith Insurance

M.U.S.I.C.

MO. Consultants for Ed.

SOCS

Veregy (CTS)

MARE PARTNERSHIPS

- LEGAL HOTLINE: EDCOUNSEL, GUIN MUNDORF, MICKES O'TOOLE, TUETH KEENEY
- EDPLUS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- GIRLS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

Open Enrollment – Our Final Push! – The fight continues in Jefferson City regarding Open Enrollment. It is anticipated that HB 253 will be on the floor of the House sometime this week. It is not too late for your district to take action in opposition to this harmful legislation. Please review previous information that has been sent out, including the information contained in the links below and take action. Working together, we can defeat this legislation but it is going to take all of us! Please join the fight!

If your district has passed a resolution in opposition, please share that with your respective legislators and share a copy of this with your local or regional newspaper!

[HB 253 - Open Enrollment](#)

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

[Open Enrollment - Talking Points](#)

[House Education Hearing on Open Enrollment - Complete Recording](#)

Quote of the Week

“Never quit. It is the easiest cop-out in the world. Set a goal and don't quit until you attain it. When you do attain it, set another goal, and don't quit until you reach it. Never quit.” – Bear Bryant

NREA News – For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Weekly Update - February 3, 2023](#), [NREA Weekly Update - February 10, 2023](#), [NREA Weekly Update - February 17, 2023](#)

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!

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 – 11/19/23)

- **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).

Spotlight Series

Contracts and Procurement | February 24, 2023

Join attorney [Katie Forster](#) for a free 30 minute discussion on the nuts and bolts of construction bidding and contract terms. February 24, 2023 from 9:00 am - 9:30 am

If you have any questions, please contact us at 314.878.5600 or seminars@mickesotoole.com.

[Registration and More Info](#)

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

Newburg R-II 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 3/03/2023!**

Fairfax R-III Superintendent Search – Mrs. Mary Beth Scherer is the Search Consultant. She can be reached by phone at (660) 281-7678 or at mbscherer@ucmo.edu. **Deadline is 2/24/2023!**

Everton R-III Superintendent Search – Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or at 19mj46@charter.net. **Deadline is TBA!**

South Iron Co. R-I Acting 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 3/10/2023!**

Closed Searches – Lathrop R-II, North Mercer Co. R-III, North Harrison R-III, Brookfield R-III, Farmington R-7, Johnson Co. R-VII, Rock Port R-II, Green Ridge R-VIII, North Callaway Co. R-I, Nodaway-Holt R-VII, East Prairie R-II, Crawford Co. R-I, Glenwood R-VIII.

13th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament

The 13th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 17th at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. **Registration deadline is 7/7/2023!**

Over the past three years, MARE, with support from the key sponsors who support the Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament (Veregy (Formerly CTS Group), StepUP Consulting, UMB Bank, L.J. Hart & Company, MEUHP, Missouri Propane Gas Association, SIC Roofing, Performance Services, Mickes O'Toole, LLC, Missouri Educators Health Group, Forrest T. Jones & Company, Guin Mundorf, LLC, American Fidelity, Tueth Keeney Cooper Mohan & Jackstadt, P.C., LearnSafe & MOCAAT; Hole Sponsors (EdCounsel, LLC, MRTA, MUSIC, Tueth Keeney, P.C., GRP WEGMAN Company, NREA, Hamlin Energy, Reynolds Construction & Commercial Roofing, Central States Bus, Gilmore Bell, Apple Bus, Navitas, Universal Construction, K12itc, Sunshine Dental Associates, Audio Enhancement, MET/Gallagher, Wagner Portrait Group, Bukaty Companies (Jeff Walstrom), Gator Graphics, Integrated Facility Services, Missouri Goodwill Excel) and those who provided prizes and played, has provided fifty-four (54) \$1,000.00 scholarships. We plan to present 20-25 \$1,000.00 scholarships this year alone!

Registration is now open and we will accept the first thirty-six (36) paid teams and commit slots to them. **Our format is different this year, with registration slated from 9:30-11:45 a.m., lunch from 10:45-11:45 a.m. and a shotgun start of 12:00 noon. Flight winners and the prize giveaway will immediately follow the event at approximately 5:00 p.m.** Please access the appropriate forms below to complete and send in to secure your slot. If you cannot support this as a Corporate Sponsor, Team Sponsor or Hole Sponsor but would like to help out, please consider donating gift cards or golf related items (hats, golfballs, tees, gloves, clubs, etc.) so that we can hold down our costs and award more in scholarship prizes. For more information, please contact Kevin Sandlin at (660) 747-8050 or by email at ksandlin@moare.com.

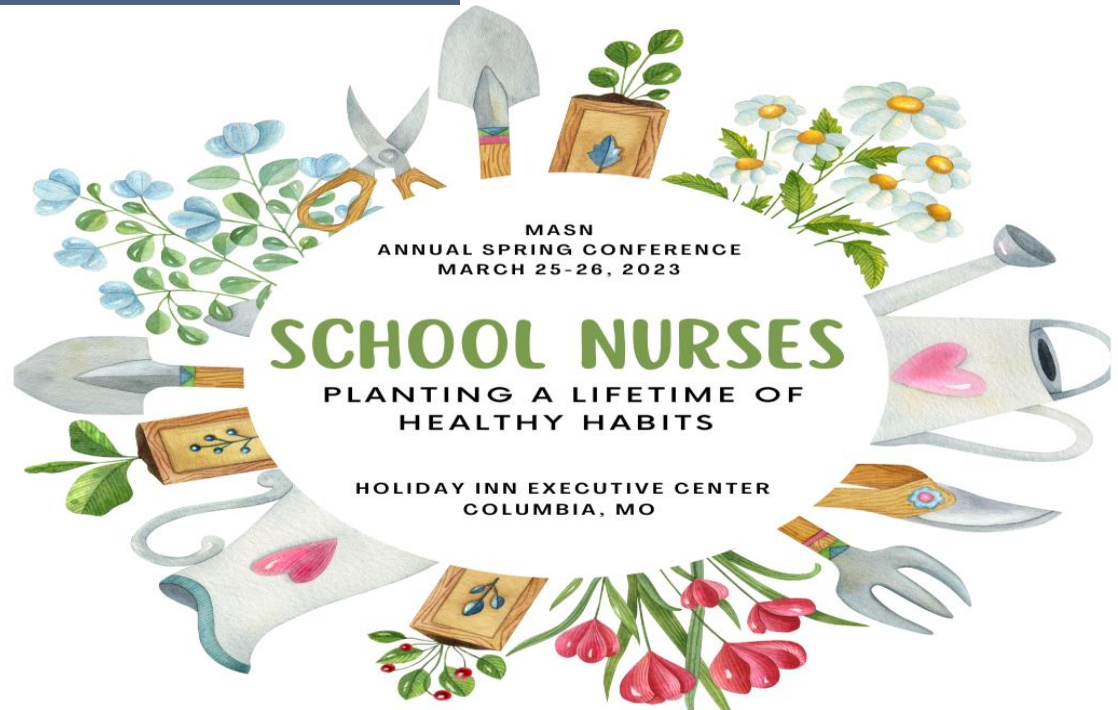
[2023 Golf Tournament Flyer](#)

[2023 MARE Golf Tournament Sponsorship Information](#)

[2023 Golf Tournament Registration Form](#)

Winter School Facilities Academy – Join Navitas, Stifel, McKownGordon & Hollis Miller on February 23rd and 24th for their School Facilities Academy. Contact Mary Robertson mrobertson@navitas.us.com to register for this event!

MASN Spring Conference



MASN 2023 Spring Conference We are so excited for this year's conference speaker lineup and topics of interest for every School Nurse. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Chris Winter, MD, FAASM, DABSM, DABPN, will present "The Hidden Epidemic of Sleep Disorders in Children". A neurologist and sleep medicine researcher since 1993, Dr. Winter is the author of "The Sleep Solution: Why Your Sleep Is Broken and How to Fix It" as well as The Rested Child: Why Your Tired, Wired or Irritable Child May Have a Sleep Disorder... And How to Help". Dr. Winter presented at the 2022 NASN Conference and school nurses across the nation gave amazing reviews. The Conference will be a weekend filled with learning, networking, and lots of FUN that will help every school nurse help "Plant a Lifetime of Health Habits" for Missouri Students! We hope to see you there. To see the brochure and register, go to missourischoolnurses.org and choose the Conference Tab.

TeachMO Resources Available

Reminder:

- **Q&A Sessions with TeachMO:** LEA officials that work to recruit future teachers are invited to meet with Tim Holman, TeachMO Sr. Program Manager, to have any questions answered about what TeachMO resources are available for their use and how to implement such resources. The Q & A sessions will take place via Zoom on February 16th and March 2nd. You may join at your convenience!
 - Q&A with TeachMO on Thursday, February 16th from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86249767274>
 - Q&A with TeachMO on Thursday, March 2nd from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87364377644>

New:

- **Teach on Purpose Webinar Recording:** TEACH hosted the *Teach on Purpose Webinar* on **January 31st**. Participants were provided with the opportunity to learn how they can discover and live out their purpose in the classroom. They heard from a panel of 4 nationally recognized Black educators who shared how they live out their purpose in the classroom and in the education field. The event was recorded, so future teachers in your network that identify as Black can watch here: [Teach on Purpose Webinar](#). This is perfect for high school, college students, and even professionals considering becoming a teacher!
- **Content Call for Teachers:** TEACH is excited to share that we are working to produce new content and elevate the great work of educators from across the country. Over the next two months, TEACH's content team is working to create content that celebrates Women's History Month, Earth Day, and highlights from this school year. We would greatly appreciate your help in reaching out to your networks to see if there are any teachers or student teachers who would be interested in speaking with us to produce some impactful content. Participating educators will be compensated for their time. [TEACH February 2023 Call for Content](#)

For Your Members' Continued Use:

- **Talent Pool Recruitment Toolkit:** This toolkit features communication resources that assist you in connecting members of your talent pool with TeachMO resources that will support them on their routes to becoming certified teachers.
- **High School Student Recruitment Toolkit:** This toolkit features communication resources that assist you in connecting students with TeachMO resources that will support them on their routes to becoming certified teachers.
- **Alternative certification toolkit:** TeachMO has rolled out a guide on alternative certification. This resource includes an article and downloadable guide with step-by-step instructions to pursue alternative certification with a provisional certificate, plus a list of EPPs that offer alternative certification and answers to some frequently asked questions. This resource can aid LEAs in their work to fill vacancies.
- **TeachMO Scholarship Toolkit:** Recognizing the financial barriers facing some candidates pursuing certification, TeachMO provides scholarships to help aspiring educators fulfill their dream. TeachMO is offering \$3,000 in scholarships to future teachers: a \$1,000 Classic Scholarship, \$1,000 Future Black Teacher Scholarship, and a \$1,000 Future Latinx Teacher Scholarship.

Timothy Holman Jr., MPA
Senior Program Manager, TEACH Missouri
(816) 585-2118

Innovate 2023 – Learning Opportunity from EdPlus

The inaugural innovate conference on Wednesday, March 29 provides an opportunity to connect, collaborate and learn with colleagues and from fellow educators on innovative practices in the areas of curriculum and instruction, leadership, SEL, equity and technology. It will also include keynotes and breakout sessions from William Martinez, *SIGNing the Song*, about the power of belonging and Mitch Matthews, author of *Ignite*, who will unlock your ability to use “solution-based” thinking. The conference will also include sessions from our partners Apple, Microsoft and Discovery Education; and an exhibitor expo with hands-on demo sessions. Educators from all grade levels and leaders will gain new ideas about innovative practices that can be implemented into their classrooms or school buildings.

The conference location is at the newly renovated entertainment venue Armory STL and will provide a conference experience unlike one that has been experienced by educators in the past. We think attendees will leave rejuvenated, excited and inspired to try out new practices and ideas in their classrooms.

Attached is a #innovate23 flyer and session grid. Learn more about the sessions and speakers at the conference website [here](#) and register [here](#) for the conference.

Paul Ziegler, J.D.
Chief Executive Officer
314.692.1299 Office
314.623.6140 Cell
pziegler@edplus.org

Bears Teach Summer Opportunity

#BearsTeach

The Missouri State University College of Education invites students to participate in a **FREE** program for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who are interested in pursuing a teaching career. **#BearsTeach** will be held **June 12-16, 2023** on the Springfield campus and will immerse students in some of the opportunities they can expect from their college experience.

Students will experience our campus and get prepared for college life by attending workshops on different aspects of campus life, experiencing living in a residence hall, delving into a variety of education careers, and exploring Springfield by attending local attractions. Students will also be led by mentors who are current College of Education students and will be able to meet several faculty members. All of these activities are designed to familiarize students with the college experience and give them the opportunity to start planning for college and their careers.

Missouri is facing a critical shortage of teachers. The **#BearsTeach** program

is a recruitment effort to attract more students into the teacher preparation pipeline. We hope you will encourage your students to take advantage of this amazing opportunity. Let us show them why Missouri State is the best university, College of Education and teacher preparation institution in the state of Missouri!

Please visit this website for more information and to apply:

www.education.MissouriState.edu/bears-teach.htm

For more information, contact:

Catherine Matthews—Graduate Assistant
Childhood Education & Family Studies
CE1526@live.missouristate.edu

Applications Due By May 1, 2023

MARE Organization Staff

Kevin F. Sandlin -- Cell Phone: (660) 351-0596 -- Email: ksandlin@moare.com

Executive Director

Jerry L Cochran, EdD. -- Cell Phone: (660) 596-3184 -- Email: jcochran@moare.com

Assistant Executive Director

Ray V. Patrick, EdD. -- Cell Phone: (660) 909 – 5118 – Email: rpatrick@moare.com

Associate Director

Missouri Association of Rural Education

710 N College, Suite C

Warrensburg, Missouri 64093

(660) 747-8050

Fax: (660) 747-8160

Website: www.moare.com

If you are the intended recipient but do not wish to receive communication through this medium, please notify the sender immediately.

