



MARE Focus

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

Superintendent Search - Phelps Co. R-III - Mr. Darryl Pannier is the Search Consultant. Darryl can be reached by phone at (573) 803-9008 or by email at darrylpannier@yahoo.com. (03/04/2022)

Superintendent Search - La Plata R-II - Dr. Jerry Cochran is the Search Consultant. Jerry can be reached by phone at (660) 596-3184 or by email at cochranj115@gmail.com. (03/04/2022)

Superintendent Search - Silex 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. (03/11/2022)

Closed Searches - Stanberry R-II, Pike Co. R-III, North Shelby, Orrick R-XI, Concordia R-II, Northeast Vernon Co. R-I, Newburg R-II, Norborne R-VIII, Northeast Randolph R-IV, Cole Co. R-I, Osage Co. R-II, Prairie Home R-V, Wellington-Napoleon R-IX, Fair Play R-II, Gallatin R-V & Bismarck R-V

SAC Legislative Calls for Superintendents - Scott Kimble, MASA Director of Legislative Advocacy, is now providing legislative updates to school Superintendents through SAC Calls typically scheduled on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. Superintendents are encouraged to join these calls to stay up to date on what is going on at the Capitol that will impact Missouri public education. Contact MASA if questions!

Capitol Visits to Support Public Education - The Small Schools Committee has scheduled Capitol Visit Days on Wednesday, March 2nd and Wednesday, March 9th. For more information on these special visit days, please contact Derek Lark at (660) 674-2238 or by email at dlark@santafechiefs.k12.mo.us. In conjunction with the March 9th date, several state education associations are joining together to encourage school leaders, parents and business leaders to come to the Capitol to make the voices of public education heard regarding issues before the legislature including funding, Open Enrollment, Property Tax Issues, etc. **Our voices must be heard!**

[Capitol Rally Registration Form](#)
[MOASSP Message to Membership](#)
[Stop School Consolidation Rally](#)

Contact Your Legislators Now! - Members are encouraged to rally your BOE members, staff, community leaders and parents to contact your respective representatives and senators to vote "no" on HB 1814 (Open Enrollment), HB 1903 (Virtual Instruction Expansion), SB 648 (Virtual Instruction Expansion) and HB 1552 (Charter Legislation) and SB 869 (Charter Legislation) if the latter two are not limited to KCPS only and if other harmful amendments are added! All of these bills which are harmful to public education are very likely to be debated soon!

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Weekly Update - February 11, 2022](#), [NREA Weekly Update - February 25, 2022](#)

MARE Welcomes New District Members – MARE is pleased to welcome **Couch R-I** and **Silex R-I** as returning member school districts. With these additions, MARE now counts 397 of the public school districts in Missouri as members. If you are unsure of your status or would like more information about the benefits of belonging to MARE, please reach out to me at (660) 747-8050 or ksandlin@moare.com.

METC Conference Event – One Day – Three Ways to Be Involved

The image is a promotional graphic for the METC 2022 Conference. At the top, it features the METC logo (a green circle with a white power symbol) and the text "metc 2022 CONFERENCE". Below this, it says "ST. LOUIS • WARRENSBURG MAR 31". The main headline is "One Day. Two Locations. Three Great Speakers." Below the headline are three circular portraits of speakers: Dr. Tim Bono, Jennifer Gonzalez, and Dr. Ty-Ron Douglas. Below the portraits, it says "Choose how to connect: the option of two in-person locations OR virtually!". Underneath are three icons: a power symbol for "St. Louis", another power symbol for "Warrensburg", and a laptop with a person icon for "Virtual". At the bottom, a black banner with white text says "Visit METCedplus.org for more information or to register."

[METC Conference Session Descriptions](#)

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 Mohan & Jackstadt, P.C.**, **LearnSafe & MOCAAT**; Hole Sponsors (**EdCounsel, LLC**, **MRTA**, **MUSIC**, **EduOptimus**, **Tueth Keeney, P.C.**, **Stifel**, **GRP WEGMAN Company**, **NREA**, **The Garland Company**, **Pro Energy Solutions**, **Reynolds Construction & Commercial Roofing**, **Central States Bus**, **Gilmore Bell**, **Mike Keith Insurance**, **Apple Bus**, **McKinstry**, **Navitas**, **Universal Construction**, **K12itc**, **Sunshine Dental Associates**, **Incite Design Studio**, **Audio Enhancement**, **UMB Bank**, **MET/Gallagher**, **MOPERC**, **Wagner Portrait Group**, **Inter-State Studio**, **Bukaty Companies (Jeff Walstrom)**, and **Gator Graphics**) and those who provided prizes and played, has provided thirty-one (31) \$1,000.00 scholarships. We plan to present as many as twenty (20) \$1,000.00 scholarships this year alone! Information for

this program is available below. This information was mailed to all Missouri colleges and universities that offer teacher education programs and certifications. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is Friday, April 1, 2022.

[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.

Learning Blade Focus – How Are You Celebrating Pi Day?



How are you celebrating Pi Day (March 14th)?

No matter how you slice it, STEM and Computer Science careers include the need for mathematical knowledge.

Try using Learning Blade's lesson "Building Your Own Drip Irrigation System" in our Fresh Food Mission which shows students how Pi might be utilized in real-world scenarios such as designing a drip irrigation system for circular beds.

Or check out the Transportation Mission lesson called "As The Crow Flies" that teaches the Pythagorean theorem to estimate the real distance of travel.

There are hundreds of math lessons in Learning Blade showing the connection of math to real-world problem-solving. 93% of teachers surveyed responded Learning Blade helps show students real-world connections to math standards.

Sign up for your free Learning Blade account at www.LearningBlade.com/MO.

For more information email us at info@learningblade.com.



Creating an Equation Example Continued

In order to solve this you need to determine the volume of the circular bed and then multiply that quantity by the price of soil per unit.

Cost of Soil = Volume of Planting Bed * Price of Soil

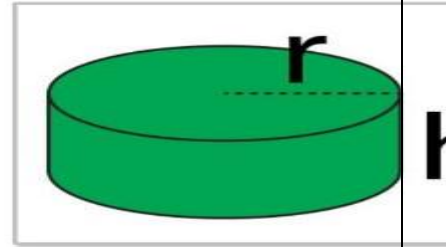
Using variables we can rewrite the formula:

$$x = V * P$$

Because we know the formula for the volume of a cylinder we can add this to the equation to get,

$$x = (\pi r^2 h) * P$$

Now we can use this equation every time we have this type of problem.



Defined Learning – White Paper on PBL Professional Learning

Dear Educator,

High-quality professional learning is essential for giving teachers the knowledge and skills they need to implement project-based learning (PBL) effectively in their classrooms. That translates into PBL instruction that results in more engaged students and improved outcomes.

In this complimentary [white paper on PBL professional learning](#), we'll share what high-quality professional learning looks like and how school systems can apply it to PBL to ensure success.

[View White Paper](#)

Quote of the Week

“To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.”
Winston Churchill

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.)

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.)

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.)

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.

In the next MARE Focus issue, look for information on some of our new Associate Members including Coryell Roofing, American Bus Sales, TeachUNITED, ACI Boland and others!

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