



# MARE Focus

FEBRUARY 28, 2020

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

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- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

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

**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). **The deadline to apply is Friday, March 13th!**

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** - Dr. Tammy Lupardus, Supt. at Charleston R-I
- Rich Hill R-IV Superintendent for 2020-2021** - Dr. Kevin Goddard, Supt. at Sarcoxie R-II

## Other Vacancies Posted

**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).

**Osage Co. R-II - Elementary Principal** - Contact Mrs. Dena Smith for more information on this vacancy. [smithd@linn.k12.mo.us](mailto:smithd@linn.k12.mo.us) or (573) 897-4200.

## Patron Insight - Small School District Initiative Opportunity

*Patron Insight's Small School District Initiative will be providing no-fee Stakeholder Snapshot Research surveys to six (6) small school districts this semester.*

*If your district has 4,000 or fewer students, please go to [patroninsight.com](http://patroninsight.com) and click on the box on the home page about this program. This will take you to a very brief survey where you can highlight how research would benefit your school district, if it was selected. The research will be customized for each selected district and will include a complete analysis of results – at no cost. Plus, there are no strings attached. In other words, as the old television commercials used to say, "No salesman will call!"*

*Again, if your district has 4,000 or fewer students, take two minutes to complete the survey and enter the contest by March 15. Selected districts will be informed by March 31.*

Please let me know if you have any questions, Mr. Sandlin. Thanks.

**Ken DeSieghardt**

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**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** - Please note the scheduled training opportunities below:

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

- Friday, May 8, 2020 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 9, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**Northeast Missouri - Clark Co. R-I School District - (660) 727-2377**

- Friday, May 29, 2020 - (3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 30, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, May 29, 2020 - (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 30, 2020 - (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**Northeast Missouri - Sturgeon R-V School District - (573) 687-3515**

- Friday, June 5, 2020 - (3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 6, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 12, 2020 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 13, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 26, 2020 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 27, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Wednesday, October 21, 2020 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, October 22, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**\*\*\*PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANY NEW BOARD MEMBER(S) NEEDING THE EIGHTEEN AND ONE-HALF (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](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com), or go online ([www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com)) and complete the electronic form found under Board Training.

**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

Missouri is our featured state this week for the 50 States in 50 Weeks project! Each week, the [#IAMARuralTeacher](#) Campaign is featuring a different state and what rural looks like to them. This collaboration between the [National Rural Education Association](#) and [I Am A Rural Teacher](#) demonstrates how vast the rural communities of America really are. Are you a Missouri rural teacher? We would love to hear from you! Submit your story today at <http://bit.ly/RuralTeachersPerspectives>

[Read More](#)

[Opinion: Georgia keeps talking about plight of rural schools without any clear action plan](#)



In my many years of writing about education in Georgia, Allen Fort has been a helpful voice on the challenges that beset rural schools. Fort is [Taliaferro County Schools](#) superintendent and also the principal of the 160-student district.

By: [Maureen Downey](#)

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[112th NREA Research Symposium and Convention: Indianapolis, Indiana Nov. 4-6, 2020](#)

**NREA Essay Contest** - The annual NREA Foundation Essay Contest allows contestants to participate in three divisions: elementary, middle/junior high, and high school. Grades 3-8 may participate in a written essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. Grades 9-12 may participate in a video essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. The winner in the elementary division receives \$250. The runner-up will receive \$100. The winners in the middle/junior high and high school divisions receive \$400. The runner-ups receive a \$200 prize. For more information on this opportunity, please access the link below:

[http://www.nrea.net/Awards\\_and\\_Programs](http://www.nrea.net/Awards_and_Programs) - **Deadline is April 1st!**

## **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!**

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## **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!** We will have five legal sessions, a Legal Panel, presentations from Dr. Margie Vandeven, Dr. Kari Monsees, Dr. Chris Neale, DESE Special Education, Federal Programs, "Outstanding Rural Awards" Luncheon, two receptions, great food, vendor hall, and many other opportunities to grow, learn and collaborate.

Information will be sent out in early April!

## **Quote of the Week**

**"Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others." – Jack Welch, former GE chairman and CEO**

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