



# MARE Focus

FEBRUARY 3, 2020

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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!**

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](#) - TBA
- [Great Circle Vice President for Education Programs](#) - TBA

## Other Vacancies Posted on the MARE website:

**Process Coordinator/Psychological Examiner - Gasconade Co. R-II** - For more information on these openings, please access the district website at [www.dutchmen.us](http://www.dutchmen.us).

**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)!

### **January 2020 MCE Policy Updates Available**

The January 2020 updates are currently available on the MCE website <http://www.moconed.com>. For your convenience, access to the updates is located on the homepage under the “Updates” section on the left hand side of the page. Simply select “View All Updates” to view or download current and past updates.

If you have any questions concerning these revisions or their implementation, please feel free to call Tom Mickes or Bill Ray.

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Cell Phone: [\(314\) 330-8903](tel:3143308903)

**NEW Associates Coming Soon** - We will be adding two or three new Associate Members within the next few weeks. Please check out the MARE website for more detailed information as these members are added!

### **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

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**Jill Underly, Blanchardville, Wisconsin Give Rural Schools the Tools They Need to Thrive** <https://iamaruralteacher.org/profiles/jill-underly-blanchardville-wisconsin>

**The Teacher Cadet Program** at the Pickens's County College and Career Center prepares high school students for the field of education through a three-year dual credit program in partnership with the University of West Alabama's College of Education. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C09yAZBHpH4&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1na6BfEM9z7JEiUX-jURhBI9dZrGTjwXkzGLCP7chvoSgRqzogoR6QI7c>

**Appalachia Has a Rich History of Women-Led Social Movements** Sarah Freeman-Woolpert, Waging Nonviolence <https://truthout.org/articles/appalachia-has-a-rich-history-of-women-led-social-movements/>

## **Commentary: Making Small Towns and Rural Areas Part of the Solution**

Democrats have failed to show up in rural America with policies and candidates that appeal to voters. It doesn't have to be that way. By [Teresa Purcell](#) [https://www.dailyonder.com/commentary-making-small-towns-and-rural-areas-part-of-the-solution/2020/01/24/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=1-29-20](https://www.dailyonder.com/commentary-making-small-towns-and-rural-areas-part-of-the-solution/2020/01/24/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=1-29-20)

## **PBL Project for Rural Schools**

Greetings from the PBL Project! A few weeks ago, PBL/NREA sent an email to say that schools and districts who join the PBL Project will get the rest of this year for free by joining, so their access will run through the 2020-2021 school year (that includes all teachers per school at the \$399 price). This is absolutely the case. Thankfully, I've had several schools come on board since the offer, and even more inquiries for additional information about what the PBL Project is all about. To help with that, here's a link with a "What's Included" list, as well as ordering details and content samples: <http://pblproject.com/page.aspx?pageid=Whats-Included>

I've also had several school and district administrators call me on the phone, either for a quick walk-through of the site, or to help answer roll-out and training questions. This is always a great way to connect, and I've got the phone call down to about a 10-minutes if you'd like to hear the basics of what we're doing with the PBL Project and how other districts are using the resource (of course, I'll take all the time you need... and I've definitely been on the phone for more than an hour when a district has a clear vision and wants to see if it's a good fit). Please email if you'd like to schedule a phone call to see the PBL Project, even if it's with an eye towards next year. Or, if it's easier to just call when you have a moment, that will be fine, too (864-877-5123).

**Special Education Training Programs for Rural Schools January 28, 2020** [https://will.illinois.edu/21stshow/program/special-education-training-programs-for-rural-schools?fbclid=IwAR3xlwceZvVGwYu0GYmeOKKP90Rs3xUIG9K\\_xtsaDCworv40T9wQH8BGqB0](https://will.illinois.edu/21stshow/program/special-education-training-programs-for-rural-schools?fbclid=IwAR3xlwceZvVGwYu0GYmeOKKP90Rs3xUIG9K_xtsaDCworv40T9wQH8BGqB0)

**What the FCC Has Accomplished Under 3 Years of Chairman Ajit Pai's Leadership Bridging the Digital Divide** Providing billions of dollars for rural broadband buildout, removing red tape, supporting precision agriculture, boosting telehealth, and more... <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-362141A1.pdf>

**Demographic Changes in Rural America: Building an Inclusive Latinx Community** [https://ruralassembly.org/demographic-changes-in-rural-america-building-an-inclusive-latinx-community/?fbclid=IwAR3646MiL3\\_B48qtEG6LCYazziCjic\\_ypJnE-t6ekGckkosRc40HiuzuWzw](https://ruralassembly.org/demographic-changes-in-rural-america-building-an-inclusive-latinx-community/?fbclid=IwAR3646MiL3_B48qtEG6LCYazziCjic_ypJnE-t6ekGckkosRc40HiuzuWzw)

## **KVEC Fourth National Competency Based and Micro-Credential Summit**

Please accept this invitation to attend the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative's (KVEC) fourth National Competency-Based and Micro-Credential Summit on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5-6, 2020, at the Crowne Plaza Conference Center at 830 Phillips Lane in Louisville, KY. The Conference Center is a short complimentary shuttle ride from the airport to the hotel.

This year's forum will bring together representation from local, state and national education organizations to discuss progress made in various states which use micro-credentials as one component of a continuous professional learning system. Presentations will demonstrate models that include micro-credentialing as one pathway within a teacher compensation system. Register to attend: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kvec-fourth-national-competency-based-and-micro-credential-summit-registration-80694345961>

**112<sup>th</sup> National Rural Conference and Convention: November 4-6, 2020 at the JW Marriott Hotel. More information to follow.**

**Mississippi 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 Mississippi rural teacher? We would love to hear from you! Submit your story today at <http://bit.ly/RuralTeachersPerspectives>.

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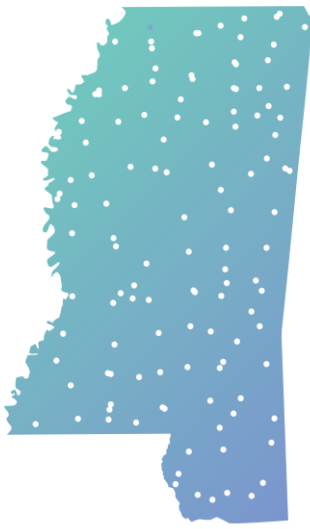
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## “I Am a Rural Teacher” gives voice to rural teachers

**Teacher-To-Teacher Conversations:** Teachers may join the public Facebook group called “I am a Rural Teacher!” where they can share photos, stories, curriculum ideas, and teaching experiences. [Join our group.](#)

## Advocating for Rural Teachers

“I am a Rural Teacher!” narratives showcase the perspectives of rural educators. Read the [viewpoints and recommendations](#) of rural teachers.

## Rural Teacher Recruitment Efforts

Our [RTC Network](#) and related efforts are committed to purposeful teacher recruitment strategies with an emphasis on social justice and inclusive community development.

**Free Opportunity for AP Teachers: Civic Knowledge & Action Project** The [Civic Knowledge and Action Project](#) is a collaboration of the College Board’s Advanced Placement® Program and [DoSomething.org](#), a nonpartisan nonprofit focused on youth-led volunteering initiatives, to develop opportunities for students to make a difference in their local communities. Through the project, AP US Government and Politics and AP with WE Service teachers will be able to help students participate in the real-world application of their course content by leading voter registration drives in their schools or promoting census activities. **What Teachers Get:**

- An optional applied civics lesson plan and two optional course projects provided by the AP Program that meet the project curricular requirement provided by the AP Program.
  - A free voter registration toolkit and webinar-based trainings provided by DoSomething that includes everything students need to run a local nonpartisan voter registration drive.
  - Materials created by the [U.S. Census Bureau](#) to lead census participation efforts
- All content is nonpartisan and will help to meet AP curricular requirements. If you're interested in having your students pursue this opportunity, click [Civic Knowledge and Action Project](#) or

visit [www.dosomething.org/startteacher4](http://www.dosomething.org/startteacher4), which will redirect you to the DoSomething site.

**In late January, participating teachers will be able to access the classroom materials via AP Central®, and the DoSomething toolkits will be mailed to your school.** If you have any questions, please contact [CivicActionProject@collegeboard.org](mailto:CivicActionProject@collegeboard.org).

#### **Colorado Rural Podcast:**

**Michelle Murphy of Colorado Rural Schools Alliance and Denille Leplatt of Rural Services at the Colorado Department of Education sit down today with Colorado Governor Jared Polis.** They discuss his general philosophy of "Colorado for All" and specifically the administration's Rural Economic Blueprint.

In addition to efforts improving the lives of all Coloradans and supporting rural communities, Governor Polis is focused on efforts supporting early childhood education. Listen in to learn more about Governor Polis' priorities for rural Colorado and rural education.

[https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-tgpui-d08a50?fbclid=IwAR3ILCn8YVmk--Aa\\_cn2wv\\_pxxJNMpGf7gXWn355e\\_w1PaWLy4XJfyvTriY-.XiewE3SkIDk.facebook](https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-tgpui-d08a50?fbclid=IwAR3ILCn8YVmk--Aa_cn2wv_pxxJNMpGf7gXWn355e_w1PaWLy4XJfyvTriY-.XiewE3SkIDk.facebook)

#### **Loss of Branch Banks Reduces Financial Services for Rural, Report Says**

Urban and rural America lost branch banks at a similar rate from 2012 to 2017, according to the Federal Reserve. But the loss could have graver consequences for a larger proportion of rural areas. By [Bryce Oates](#) and [Tim Marema](#)

[https://www.dailyonder.com/loss-of-branch-banks-reduces-financial-services-for-rural-report-says/2020/01/20/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=1-22-2020](https://www.dailyonder.com/loss-of-branch-banks-reduces-financial-services-for-rural-report-says/2020/01/20/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=1-22-2020)

#### **International Symposium for Innovation in Rural Education: ISFIRE 2020 Communities and Partnerships: Strengthening Rural Education**

ISFIRE focuses on the obligation of the global education community to influence policy aimed at delivering equitable and socially just outcomes for rural students. ISFIRE offers an international forum for sharing research findings, innovative ideas and evaluated approaches linked to positive, practical action. In our current global context, ISFIRE 2020 offers an opportunity for the rural education community to come together to celebrate the importance of rural education, discuss our common challenges, explore how research informs our rural practice, and share solutions to raise the profile of the teaching profession, support student learning, and recognize school leaders.

<https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/isfire2020/call-for-presentations/>

#### **How Federal Policy Can Better Support Today's Rural Students**

[India Heckstall](#)

<https://medium.com/higher-learning-advocates/title-how-federal-policy-can-better-support-todays-rural-students-b31680266e04>

#### **Guy-Perkins is 1st public school to fully switch to solar power**

[https://www.thecabin.net/news/guy-perkins-is-st-public-school-to-fully-switch-to/article\\_798d5754-c046-5b35-96fe-a96d32efb783.html](https://www.thecabin.net/news/guy-perkins-is-st-public-school-to-fully-switch-to/article_798d5754-c046-5b35-96fe-a96d32efb783.html)

### **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!](#)

Here are some additional links to awesome resources that you can use in your schools and share with your community.

COPE: Opioid and Prescription Drug Prevention Education

(<https://t.e2ma.net/message/9b161b/xawcdu>)

·COPE: Heroin & Opioid Awareness and Prevention Toolkit

(<https://t.e2ma.net/message/hma71b/xawcdu>)

·COPE: Parents 360Rx (<https://t.e2ma.net/message/xeb71b/xawcdu>)

·COPE: Above the Influence (<https://t.e2ma.net/message/d7b71b/xawcdu>)

Dear COPE Collaborators and committee members

**FREE HARD COPIES** (1 per district; multiple copies by request for large districts) of The Opioid and Prescription Drug Prevention Education Curriculum from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services/Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education are NOW AVAILABLE to order. <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/schoolhealth/resources.php>

This K-12 drug use prevention curriculum, aligned with National and Missouri Standards, is designed to support local health education. The curriculum includes: lesson plans/outlines, presentation slides, activities, and handouts for each grade. The developmentally-appropriate lessons aim to build students' prevention skills and functional knowledge to make healthy choices about drugs and medicines throughout their lives. The curriculum, as well as other school/community opioid prevention resources, can also be found online at <https://kwelker.wixsite.com/opioideducation>.

We wanted to share this information with you, first as our COPE collaborators. Our next step will be to announce this opportunity for free resources via DHSS and DESE list-serves.

Melissa, Lesha and I appreciate your dedication to this project. As we wrap up the work, we will be in touch to find new/novel ways to stay connected and to send you a summary of our shared work.

It is my belief that 2020 will be the best year yet for all of us. Please check the address list and forward to your committee members if I left them off.

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Please call 573-522-2822 to reach staff that manages my calendar and knows how to reach me at all times.

**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 on this wonderful opportunity, go to <https://www.boysstate.org>. **MARE is a proud sponsor of 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 is a proud sponsor of 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! Information and forms will be made available in April!

### **Quote of the Week**

“The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.”

**Tom Bodett**

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