



# MARE Focus

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

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- American Fidelity Assurance Co.
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- LEGAL HOTLINE: ED COUNSEL, GUIN MUNDORF, MICKES O'TOOLE, TUETH KEENEY
- EDPLUS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- GIRLS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

**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](mailto:darrylpannier@yahoo.com). (03/04/2022)

**Superintendent Search - Bismarck R-V** - Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. Mike can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or by email at [19mj46@charter.net](mailto:19mj46@charter.net). (02/25/2022)

**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](mailto:cochranj115@gmail.com). (03/04/2022)

## Other Vacancies Listed on website

Bowling Green R-I HS Principal, Morgan Co. R-II Asst. Elementary Principal, Miller Co. R-III K-12 Principal & Davis R-XII Principal/Superintendent

**HB 1814 - Open Enrollment Legislation** - It has come to our attention that MSBA submitted testimony in favor of HB 1814 last week when the legislation was being heard before the House Education Committee. HB 1814 is the Open Enrollment legislation sponsored by Representative Brad Pollitt. Obviously, open enrollment is a huge concern for districts across the state, especially smaller rural school districts. Concerns with this legislation include lost staff/programs/opportunities for students, loss of rural communities across the state and consolidation of school districts to name a few. If you have questions regarding this matter, you are encouraged to reach out to MSBA for answers regarding these.

**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 for more information!

**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](mailto: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. Please talk this up and make plans to join us. More information will be shared soon. Contact Clark Mershon at MOASSP or Kevin Sandlin at MARE to let us know if you will be able to attend! **Our voices must be heard!**

**NREA News** - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [January 28, 2022 NREA Weekly Update](#), [February 4, 2022 NREA Weekly Update](#)

**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](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

**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](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com), or go online ([www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com)) and complete the electronic form found under Board Training.

**Mickes O'Toole Legal Webinar - Sunshine Law**

**Free Spotlight Series Webinar**

**Sunshine Law: Practical Tips in 20 Minutes**

Sunshine Law: Practical Tips in 20 Minutes - February 11, 2022 (9:00 am - 9:20 am) | [Learn More Here](#)

From response times, to cost, to what records can and cannot be requested, the Sunshine Law is an important concern for all Missouri school districts. Join attorney Natalie Hoernschemeyer for a free 20-minute discussion on practical tips your district needs to know regarding the Sunshine Law.

Presented by [Natalie Hoernschemeyer](#).

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Please use the link below to register.

If you have any questions please direct them to Elisa Moss at [emoss@mickesotoole.com](mailto:emoss@mickesotoole.com)

**Registration and More Info**

## **MARE Welcomes TeachUNITED as New Associate Member**



Founded in 2016, TeachUNITED works with educational partners to provide world-class teacher and administrator coaching programs that focus on research-backed strategies proven to provide real, tangible results in the classroom.

Our work improves student learning outcomes, giving children a path to self-sufficiency, by supporting and connecting teachers and administrators.

TeachUNITED has developed strong local partnerships with educators, schools, community groups, and government entities to ensure our model is replicable and sustainable. Our work is led by the communities we serve, ensuring that they define success on their own terms.

- We partner with schools, districts, and state agencies for 1+ years to deliver a transformational teacher training program.
- Our model includes instructional coaching, online courses, and small group meetings of professional learning communities.
- We develop lead teachers within schools to ensure program sustainability, building capacity not dependency.

For more information, visit [www.teachunited.org](http://www.teachunited.org) or contact Dr. Heather Wilmot, Sr. Director at 1-207-318-3166 or [hwilmot@teachunited.org](mailto:hwilmot@teachunited.org)

**Did You Know?** - MARE currently lists 396 of the public school districts in Missouri as member school districts. **MARE welcomes Couch R-I as our newest MARE member school district!** Our largest district has over 10,900 students, while our smallest has 23 students. If you would like to learn more about MARE, please contact Kevin Sandlin, Executive Director, at (660) 747-8050 or by email at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

## **Brain Injury Association of Missouri - Sports Concussions**

### ***Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers***

Online, Live Presentations  
Friday, February 25, 2022  
8:45 am - 12:00 noon

[Registration Open!](#)

## Educational Sessions

### Live Presentations on February 25, 2022

Research Update

Get Schooled on Concussions for Missouri - Case Study

Practical Ways to Educate Parents About Concussions

What You Do for a Non-Athlete Concussion

New Approach: Light Physical Activity at 72 Hours

What You Do for the Kid Not Getting Better

[Register for February 25, 2022 Sessions](#)

A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of your registration. If you do not receive that email within 24 hours, please check your "junk email" folder and add [Concussions@biamo.org](mailto:Concussions@biamo.org) to your email contacts for receipt of future email notices.

### Online Education Now

#### Sports Concussions: Facts and Fallacies

Greg Canty, MD  
Director  
Sports Medicine Center  
Children's Mercy Kansas City

Watch [Sports Concussions Facts and Fallacies](#)  
(60 minutes)

### Resources Available Now

#### Get Schooled on Concussions for Missouri

Get Schooled on Concussions website and resources provide teachers and school personnel with clinically-proven academic adjustment to support any concussed student in return to learn.

Get Schooled on Concussions website access is free-of-charge to every school and district in Missouri through the 2021 - 2022 academic year.

Try [Get Schooled on Concussions for Missouri](#):  
website: [GetSchooledonConcussions.com/Missouri](http://GetSchooledonConcussions.com/Missouri)  
Password: TACTMissouri2022



### Attendees

- School, Community and Recreational Sports Team Personnel
- Coaches - All sports, all ages, paid or volunteer
- Athletic Program Administrators
- Licensed Athletic Trainers
- Game Officials
- Classroom Teachers
- School Nurses
- PE Teachers
- School Counselors
- School Administrators



### Program Partners

- Brain Injury Association of Missouri
- Department of Health and Senior Services
- Missouri Association of Rural Education

- Missouri Association of School Nurses
- Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association
- Missouri School Boards Association
- Missouri State High School Activities Association
- UMKC Institute for Human Development

**ATTENDANCE IS FREE BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

**Register Now!**

Register by phone at 314-426-4024 or  
800-444-6443.

Email [Concussions@biamo.org](mailto:Concussions@biamo.org)

A confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your registration. If you do not receive the confirmation email within 24 hours, please check your "junk email" folder and add [Concussions@biamo.org](mailto:Concussions@biamo.org) to your email contacts for receipt of future email notices.

The link for the Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers sessions on February 25, 2022 will be sent via email early that week.

### Sponsors



**Young Athlete Center**



## **Learning Blade Webinar Opportunity**

**NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE  
Learning Blade's "Introduction to Coding" LAUNCH WEBINAR**

Dear Missouri Educators, Leaders and Invited Guests,  
We wanted to let you know that you are invited to join us for the launching of the **NEW Learning Blade - "Introduction to Coding" Course.**

This course will now be available to MO formal and informal educators, thanks to the statewide license funded by the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.**

**What is "Introduction to Coding"?**

- Tailored to engage students at any experience level.
- Geared towards 7th-8th grade students, but can be used with others.
- Robust teacher resources
- Over 20 hours of online & offline lessons
- Online lessons include topics such as:

- The role of computers in society
- Concepts of basic algorithms
- Text-based code elements including statements
- Variables and comments
- Common hacking methods and means for combatting them
- **And many more!**

This is in addition to the over 400 online Learning Blade lessons and many offline activities that are aligned to state academic standards for grades 5-9.



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**Please Register for the  
Introduction to Coding Launch Webinar**

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**  
12:00 -1:00 pm CT

[2/23 Registration](#)

**Thursday, February 24, 2022**  
10:00-11:00 am CT

[2/24 Registration](#)

**Please forward this to other state leaders.**

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### News

#### **Learning Blade Releases NEW Introduction to Coding Course**

**Learning Blade®** announces the release of "Introduction to Coding" to help teachers provide students with an introduction to computers, text-based computer programming, and computer science careers....

[Read Press Release](#)

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Learning Blade | (423) 521-2309 | [Info@LearningBlade.com](mailto:Info@LearningBlade.com)

[\*\*Learning Blade Webinar Opportunity Link\*\*](#)

[\*\*Better Lesson Webinar Opportunity - 02/15/2022 - 12 ET\*\*](#)

**Nurturing a positive classroom community impacts student success.**

Educators hold tremendous influence on the climate of their classroom. Students' capacity for achievement is significantly reduced when they experience embarrassment, humiliation, exclusion, alienation, or discrimination. Therefore, building and sustaining class community is just as important as creating engaging lessons.

In this BetterLesson Live learning session, we'll provide ways education leaders can guide and support teachers in building class community and creating an environment that motivates students to learn together in ways that are social and fun.

**Key Takeaways:**

- Encourage students to become active members of their own learning by providing space to celebrate, collaborate, and connect.
- Understand how students' experience and trauma manifests itself in student well-being, behavior, and in our classroom communities.
- Explore trauma-informed practices integrated into our daily classroom practices that positively impact all students.
- Examine evidence for why focusing on a healthy classroom culture must not be seen as secondary to academic growth.
- Identify freedoms that students experienced during remote learning and learn how they can be paralleled by some degree of flexibility in the classroom space.

[Save Your Seat](#)

## **Defined Learning Webinar Opportunity**

Dear Educator,

The summer of 2022 presents another promising opportunity to accelerate learning and to help students meet their full potential. In this complimentary webinar, you will hear from Montgomery County Public Schools (MD) about the Extended Learning Opportunities through Project-Based Learning that they provide to students to accelerate literacy, math, and science with a focus on critical and creative thinking skills.

Please [join this complimentary webinar](#) on February 15th at 3 PM ET and learn:

- Professional Development strategies for coaches and summer learning facilitators
- Project selection best-practices for cross-curricular learning and maximum engagement
- Lessons learned from last summer that will impact summer learning this year

*Can't attend? Register for a recording.*

[Register Free Now](#)

## **Quote of the Week**

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”  
– [Winston Churchill](#)

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