



MARE Focus

JULY 12, 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: ED COUNSEL, GUIN MUNDORF, MICKES O'TOOLE, TUETH KEENEY
- EDPLUS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- GIRLS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

Superintendent Search Program – For the third consecutive year, MARE has completed more Superintendent Searches for Missouri public schools than any other agency that provides such in the state. We are proud of this fact and committed to providing a quality, yet affordable search process for your school district. If you plan to retire or leave your district next year, we would be honored to assist in finding your replacement. We appreciate all of those who have given us this opportunity in the past!

Member School Districts – MARE will soon list 415 (80%) of the public-school districts in the state as member school districts. **Districts indicating plans to join for 2023-2024 include Kingston K-14, Sarcoxie R-II, Lebanon R-III, Fulton 58, Perry Co. 32 & Marshall.** If you are not a MARE member school district, I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you the benefits and the value for your annual \$400.00 or \$500.00 membership dues. To learn more about MARE, please contact me at (660) 747-8050!

MOCAAT – What Can You Do For Me?

MOCAAT is a full financial management resource for Missouri school districts. Established in 2020, MOCAAT® prides itself on bringing a new level of service and support of investment planning and deployment for Missouri schools. The MOCAAT team uses their decades of experience in Missouri school budget, finance and investments to manage more than \$2 billion in assets for 160 districts across the state. For support with investments of your reserve funds, tax revenues, state revenues, and bond proceeds please reach out to John Jungmann, jjungmann@pmanetwork.com (417) 228-4148 or Jason Hoffmann, jhoffman@pmanetwork.com (573) 212-6258.

Annual School Law Seminars – The Annual School Law Seminars are just around the corner. I would encourage you to take a look at the article on our website providing greater detail and gather a team to attend one of these sessions. Thanks to our amazing legal firms that support our work here at MARE, including EdCounsel, LLC, Guin Mundorf, LLC, Mickes O'Toole, LLC and Tueth Keeney Cooper Mohan & Jackstadt, P.C. I am sure you will enjoy the sessions and learn much!

NREA News – For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [June 30th NREA Weekly Update](#), [July 5th NREA Weekly Update](#)

We appreciate all of our Member Districts & Associates!

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

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).

13th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament – Thirty-six teams and 144 golfers will converge on the beautiful Osage National Golf Course next Monday, July 17th to participate in the 13th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. We greatly appreciate all of those who will be participating and our amazing sponsors for this growing event. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m. and runs through about 11:30. Lunch will be served from 10:30 a.m. until around 11:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. Line-up will take place at 11:45 a.m. with an anticipated shotgun start at promptly 12:00 noon. Tournament play should conclude around 5:00 p.m. We will gather back in the main dining hall to present competition prizes and door prize giveaways. We will have tea/lemonade and cookies to enjoy at this time. A full report will be shared in the next MARE Focus and on the MARE website within the next few weeks. Safe travels to those who will be joining us on Monday!

2023-2024 MARE Membership Invoices – The membership invoices from MARE were sent on Wednesday, June 21st. The letter will be addressed to the attention of the Superintendent, but should be shared with your District Bookkeeper or Accounts Payable Department. We appreciate all of those who support our work here at MARE! If you have questions, please reach out to me at (660) 747-8050!

Quote of the Week

*"Leaders instill in their people a hope for success and a belief in themselves. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals."
-Unknown*

2023 MARE/MO K-8 Conference – You Don't Want to Miss It!

The 2023 MARE/MO K-8 Annual Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 18th through Friday, October 20th at the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Missouri. We are making plans now to have a great conference. Our conference has grown tremendously over the past five years and we are doing our part to continue to grow this event by providing informative Pre-Conference Sessions, great Small Group Sessions, powerful General Sessions, awesome food and prizes and an Exhibit Hall full of Associate Members and others who support Missouri rural education. Linked below are various forms for this year's event including registration for both individuals and exhibitors, Call for Presentations application and the form to submit a nomination for our Outstanding Rural Education Awards. Please mark your calendars now and make plans to join us for this event! I assure you that you will learn a lot, have a good time and most likely walk away with some lasting memories and possibly a prize or two.

[2023 MARE/MO K-8 Conference Registration](#)

[2023 Exhibitor & Sponsor Registration - Page 1](#)

[2023 Exhibitor & Sponsor Registration - Page 2](#)

[2023 MARE/MO K-8 Conference Presentation Application](#)

[2023 Outstanding Rural Education Awards Nomination Form](#)

Open Enrollment – Thanks to our amazing team of lobbyists, led by Mike Lodewegen and Scott Kimble, Open Enrollment did not pass the Missouri Legislature this year. While this is great news and cause for celebration for all public-school districts, you can rest assured that this issue will re-surface as soon as the legislators return to the Capitol. In fact, it will return most likely with a vengeance and be pushed even harder as the 2024 session progresses. We had 184 districts stand up and take action by passing a Resolution in Opposition to Open Enrollment this year. We believe that this information was helpful to our team at the Capitol. We also believe that legislators will want this information as they consider the issue for next session. I am asking that you lead the charge in your district and ask your BOE to consider the attached resolution along with the accompanying documents below. More information will be shared throughout the summer on how Open Enrollment will impact your district regarding Special Education, Transportation, Tracking/Recording, etc. Please consider taking this action during the summer months, as typically there are fewer items on the BOE meeting agenda and time can be dedicated to this discussion. If you pass the resolution, please scan and email me or Paul Ziegler, Kenny Southwick or Pam Hedgpeth this information for our records. Also, please be prepared to send a copy to all of your legislators when the session kicks off! Working together we can defeat this issue in our great state!

[Open Enrollment Resolution in Opposition](#)

[Open Enrollment Talking Points](#)

Please know that what you do matters each and every day to those who look to you to lead the charge! Stay strong and stay the course! You are making a difference!

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.