



MARE Focus

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Superintendent Search Program

– For the fourth 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! **We will be posting a number of Superintendent Searches over the course of the next few months. Please stay tuned for specific openings!**

MARE Membership Invoices

– We greatly appreciate all of our 423 MARE Member School Districts. Invoices for 2024-2025 were mailed on Wednesday, June 19th to the Superintendent's Attention. **We are requesting that districts process payment for membership prior to September 13th!** If you are not currently a MARE Member School District, we would love to have you join us. Attached is a list of Current Members and a List of Member Benefits for your consideration.

[2024-2025 MARE Membership by County](#)

[2024 MARE Membership Benefits](#)

Welcome New Member Districts

– MARE is pleased to welcome **Blue Eye R-V, Success R-VI, Lutie R-VI and Oak Hill R-I** as new or returning member districts for 2024-2025! Why not consider joining them as members!

Show Me Smokefree Campaign

Show Me Smokefree Campaign: The Show Me Smokefree Campaign has launched. Please follow, share, and engage with the Show Me Smokefree Campaign social media pages.

- [Instagram](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [YouTube](#)

Thank you and have a wonderful 4th of July!
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Youth can get free [help to quit](#) tobacco and vaping by texting **Start My Quit** to **36072** or visiting www.MyLifeMyQuit.com

Parents & adults learn about the next generation of tobacco at TobaccosChangingMO.org

ID Shield Protection for Your District

Dear MARE Superintendents,

I hope your summer is off to a great start!

There is some disturbing news that if you are not aware of how big this problem is, I wanted to bring it to your attention- **Cyber Attacks on School Districts**. Like any problem that arises, it is nice to know that you have options to help your valued staff at no cost to the district!

Schools are easy targets for hackers

One reason for the increase in attacks is that hackers have realized school systems are vulnerable. They often have older computer systems, rely heavily on technology and, Callow points out, "they don't necessarily have cyber security experts on staff."

In many cases, sensitive data about students and staff – including social security numbers, sexual assault records and discipline information – has been stolen. Some of this information can be used to steal identities or redirect payments.

The good news! With over 119 districts in Missouri offering ID Shield as their comprehensive personal information, online reputation and cybersecurity protection, you have the option at no direct cost to your district to make this available as a voluntary benefit offering.

All I wanted to ask today, is for approximately 20 min on your calendar to share how easy this coverage is to implement, how it covers pre-existing conditions and provides private licensed investigators to do the bulk of the work, as well as answer any questions you may have. To make it easier, we can meet over zoom, and here is a [link](#) to my calendar to find a time that is convenient for you.

I look forward to speaking with you soon

Regards

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Quote of the Week

“Leadership, like coaching, is fighting for the hearts and souls of people and getting them to believe in you.” – Eddie Robinson

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please access these links: [July 5, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#), [July 12, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#)

MARE Board Training Opportunities - MARE will provide Board Training in 2024 for newly elected or appointed BOE members according to this schedule:

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

- **Wednesday, October 16, 2024 (11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)**
- **Thursday, October 17, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

Lake Ozark, MO - The Lodge of the Four Seasons

- **Friday, December 6, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)**
- **Saturday, December 7, 2024 (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! MARE is an approved Board Training provider!**

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.

You may never know the positive impact that you have had on someone's life, but rest assured that you are making an impact! Thanks for all you do for kids!

2024 MARE/MO K-8 Conference - October 16th-18th

Make plans now to join us for our annual fall conference on **October 16th-18th** at the beautiful Lodge of the Four Seasons. This event has grown tremendously over the past few years thanks to your support and your willingness to encourage others to attend. We hope to make our 2024 (Education is the Key!) the biggest and best yet! District leaders and vendors are encouraged to put this on your calendars now! We want the MARE/MO K-8 Conference to be your choice event for team building, leadership development and professional growth. We look forward to seeing all of you at the lake!

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

[MARE/MO K-8 Exhibitor Registration Form 1](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Exhibitor Registration Form 2](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Outstanding Rural Education Awards Nomination Form](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Call for Presentations Form](#)

[**MARE/MO K-8 Room Reservation Link Below**](#)

Tip: Right-Click to copy URL

- **Group Direct Booking Link- No login/Attendee Code needed:**

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URL: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/17336?groupID=4296072>

Conference Theme – Education is the Key!

14th MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament – Biggest Ever!

On Monday, July 15th, 141 golfers teed off in the 14th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament at the beautiful Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. The weather was hot, but our hearty teams endured and enjoyed 18 holes of storm-free golfing. Our tournament this year as far as the number of players and money raised for scholarships was the highest ever! Thanks to everyone who made this our most successful event ever!

We are indebted to all of our amazing Corporate and Hole/Prize Sponsors listed below:

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Plant Managers Association (MSPMA).

Flight Winners/2nd Place Finishers

Flight A Winner - Mallow, Gemes and Jones

Runner Up - Reynolds, Pannier, Dunham and Rapert

Flight B Winner - Ford, Larson, Kruse and Windy

Runner Up - O'Connor, Brushwood, Hartsfield and White

Flight C Winner - Fransen, Norton, Napper and Herrera

Runner Up - Hanak, Hamlett and Wahn

Flight D Winner - Cochran, Wallace, Oligschlaeger and Garber

Runner Up - Reid, Stewart, Elder and Christian

Closest to Pin Winners

#4 Links - Anthony Hartsfield

#8 Links - Ben O'Connor

#4 River - Mike Creekmore

#7 River - Josh Shoemaker

Long Drive Winner

Neil Branham

Our tournament could not have been the success it was without our sponsors and all of our brave golfers. We thank you and our scholarship winners thank you for the support! Please make plans now to join us for our 15th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament next year on Monday, July 21st at Osage National. Larry assures me that the weather will be more tolerable then!

Check out the article on the MARE website (www.moare.com) for this article with attached photos! (The rally squirrel even makes an appearance!)

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