



MARE Focus

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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 417 (80%) of the public-school districts in the state as member school districts. **We are thrilled to welcome as new member districts - Kingston K-14, Sarcoxie R-II, Lebanon R-III, Fulton 58, Perry Co. 32, Marshall, Ozark R-VI & Crawford Co. R-II.** 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!

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MOCAAT® | Local Values. Trusted Advantage.

The MOCAAT® Advantage: Missouri's Trusted Financial Management Resource for School Districts.

Our experienced team, with broad expertise in Missouri school budgeting, finance, and investments, thoroughly manages over \$2.5 billion in assets across 170+ member districts (as of June 30, 2023). Since inception in 2020, MOCAAT has provided a new level of service and performance to Missouri communities.

Our philosophy – Partnership. Maximize the potential of your reserve funds, tax revenues, state revenues, and bond proceeds with our professional guidance.

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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: [NREA Weekly Update - July 7, 2023](#), [NREA Weekly Update - July 14, 2023](#), [NREA Weekly Update - July 21, 2023](#)

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

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 – It was hot and the storms rolled through, however, the 13th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament was a great success. Thirty-three teams (33) and 130 golfers braved the elements to help raise funds for our MARE College Scholarship Program. We could not have done this without our great corporate sponsors, hole sponsors, prize sponsors and others who donated to the fund. Special thanks to Larry Salsman and the team at Osage National for their efforts in keeping us safe and making this run smoothly.

Corporate Sponsors - Minimum of \$1,000.00 each

Veregy - Founding Collaborator Flight - \$5,000.00, **STEP Up** - Founding Collaborator Flight - \$5,000.00, **SIC Midwest Roofing** - Platinum Flight - \$4,000.00, **L.J. Hart & Company** - Gold Flight - \$3,000.00, **American Fidelity Assurance** - Gold Flight - \$3,000.00, **Performance Services** - Gold Flight - \$3,000.00, **Missouri Propane Gas** - Silver Flight - \$2,500.00, **MEUHP** - Silver Flight - \$2,000.00, **Mickes O'Toole, LLC** - Bronze Flight - \$1,000.00, **Reynolds Construction Company** - Bronze Flight - \$1,000.00, **iCEV** - Bronze Flight - \$1,000.00, **Tueth Keeney, P.C.** - Bronze Flight - \$1,000.00, **Guin Mundorf, LLC** - Bronze Flight - \$1,000.00, **MOCAAT** - Bronze Flight - \$1,000.00, **Forrest T. Jones** - Bronze Flight - \$1,000.00, **OSBA/Capstone** - Bronze Flight - \$1,000.00, **Missouri Education Health Group** - Bronze Flight - \$1,000.00, **IMS Technology Group** - Bronze Flight - \$1,000.00 and **Common Goal Systems** - Bronze Flight - \$1,000.00. - All of the above donated prizes for the giveaways as well!

Hole/Prize Sponsors - Minimum of \$250.00 each

Curriculum Associates, Inc., EdCounsel, LLC, MRTA, Opa! Food Management, Universal Construction (\$300.00), Tueth Keeney, P.C., NREA, KRJ Architecture, Hamlin Energy Group, S.M. Wilson & Company, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bukaty Companies - Jeff Walstrom & Scott Hefner, MET/Gallagher, Navitas, Edward Jones - Mack Valentine, Facility Solutions Group, Gator Graphics, MUSIC, Wagner Portrait Group, Integrated Facility Services, Audio Enhancement, Incite Design Studio, GRP/WEGMAN, Piper Sandler (\$350.00) and Mickes O'Toole, LLC, Raymond James, Osage National Golf Course, Schneider Electric, Rhonda Bishop, MOPERC,

Next year's 14th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held at Osage National on Monday, July 15th. Put this on your calendar now and make plans to join us for this growing event. Check out our website for pictures from the event!

2023-2024 MARE Membership Invoices – 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! **We request that invoices be paid by September 15th!** If you have questions, please reach out to me at (660) 747-8050!

Quote of the Week

“Believing in people before they have proved themselves is the key to motivating people to reach their potential.”
– John Maxwell

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](#)

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

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

The Conference Planner at a Glance should be available by mid-August. We are planning a number of new sessions at this year’s event, including Board Secretary Training, Board Leadership Training, Core Data Training, District Bookkeeper Training as well as others. Please make plans now to join us!

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](#)

Isn't it a wonderful feeling to know that you are making a difference daily in the life of a child!

MARE College Scholarship Recipients

The Missouri Association of Rural Education recently awarded twenty-two (22) \$1,000.00 scholarships to students attending various Missouri Colleges and Universities who are completing their programs to become Missouri teachers. A list of the students and the scholarship award that each received is listed below. We are very proud of all of these students and wish them the best as they complete their programs!

2023 MARE College Scholarship Recipients

<u>Student</u>	<u>Scholarship Title</u>
Candace Hilt	Howard Heidbrink Scholarship
Brooke Ehlers	L.J. Hart & Company Scholarship
Hannah Buechler	William G. Peter Scholarship
Riley Funk	Philip C. Dorth Scholarship
Amber Mork	Frank "Dean" Cone Scholarship
Lisa Inlow	David M. Cooper Scholarship
Reese Dodson	Kenneth W. Cook Scholarship
Molly Phillips	Tom Quinn Scholarship
Delaney McPheeters	Ray Doerhoff Scholarship
Kortney Nelson	STEP Up Scholarship
Konner Gilson	SIC Midwest Scholarship
Abby Clawson	Performance Services Scholarship
Amber Allen	Missouri Propane Gas Scholarship
Micha Peckham	Mark Iglehart Scholarship
Gerri Madison	Mickes O'Toole, LLC Scholarship
Cadan Kauffman	Tueth Keeney, P.C. Scholarship

Nekoda Kimbrough
Isabelle Smith
Jaiden Flora
Michaela Bledsoe
Ashlyn Lewis
Abigail Blansit

Missouri Edu. Health Grp. Scholarship
MOCAAT Scholarship
iCEV Scholarship
Guin Mundorf, LLC Scholarship
Veregy Scholarship
American Fid. Assurance Scholarship

Check out the article on our website to see photos of our recipients!

American Heart Association Information & Opportunity

The American Heart Association is actively working to secure additional host sites for their great work. Please read on below and access the linked articles at the bottom of the article for additional information. Share with anyone in your circle who might be interested.

Now we're looking at Year 2 starting in September and are wanting to identify some additional host sites in Missouri and I wanted to see if groups or organizations came to mind for you that would be ideal for this. The attached FAQ has more details, but in brief:

- HeartCorps sites must be a non-profit or government entity that needs to be able to:
 - Help with Member recruitment in their local area.
 - Provide a physical workspace, a day-to-day supervisor, and an opportunity for 40 hrs of service/wk, directly and/or with partners.
- AHA's funding covers the costs of the Member so there is no direct financial cost for host sites.
- Per AmeriCorps regulations, Members are not able to replace/displace current staff (or volunteer positions) but are designed to expand capacity in addressing high blood pressure, nutrition, tobacco, cardiac readiness, and more.
- Sites in the smallest communities have faced challenges in recruitment so, as a matter of practicality, sites (while still rural) would ideally have populations of at least 10,000 to draw from and/or be close to colleges/universities.
- In exchange for their 1700 hrs of service, Members receive the equivalent of a \$15/hr living allowance, a \$6800 educational stipend, access to insurance and fantastic opportunities for professional development.

Around the country sites have included local public health, hospitals/clinics, community action agencies, libraries, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, Salvation Army's and more. It could theoretically include school districts if they were particularly focused on health.

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