



# MARE Focus

JULY 4, 2022

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

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- EDPLUS
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- GIRLS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

**Superintendent Search Program** – It has been a record-setting year (23) in regard to Superintendent Searches conducted by MARE. In fact, over the past two years, our organization has conducted more searches than any entity in Missouri. We are very proud of our quality program and our team of consultants including Dr. Mike Jinks, Dr. Paul Ricker, Dr. Jerry Cochran, Mr. Darryl Pannier and Mrs. Mary Beth Scherer. Our search fee is based on district enrollment as follows: 1-500 students (\$3,500.00), 501-1,000 students (\$4,000.00), 1,001-1,500 students (\$4,500.00), 1,501-2,000 students (\$5,000.00), 2,001-2,500 students (\$5,500.00), 2,501-3,000 students (\$6,000.00), etc. There are no additional charges for mileage, travel, etc. We view our Superintendent Search Program as a service provided to members and we stand ready to assist your district in the future should the need arise!

**Why Join MARE?** – On occasion, I am asked by Superintendents, Board Secretaries or Board Members, “Why should our district join MARE?” Although I am always surprised by this question, I believe that there are a number of valid reasons for districts to join. Below is a brief listing of some of the major reasons:

- 1) MARE Legal Hotline Service – Through partnerships with EdCounsel, Guin Mundorf, Mickes O’Toole and Thomeczek & Brink, districts have access to frontline education attorneys who can assist with various day-to-day questions and issues that arise under certain conditions.
- 2) Scholarship Programs – MARE operates two scholarship programs that since 2017 have provided \$173,500.00 in scholarships to students interested in becoming teachers.
- 3) Superintendent Searches – MARE provides a quality, yet affordable Superintendent and Building Principal Search Service Program.
- 4) Board Training – MARE is an approved Board Training provider offering both the initial 18.5 hours of mandatory training and annual refresher training as stipulated by Missouri State Statute 162.203. These trainings are conducted in person and held regionally around the state each year.
- 5) State Advocacy – MARE is a member of the School Administrator’s Coalition (SAC) with several other educational associations. SAC representatives advocate passionately each year on behalf of Missouri public schools.
- 6) National Advocacy – MARE is a member of the National Rural Education Association which represents the interests of rural public schools in national forums where education issues are decided.
- 7) Discounted products and services – Many of our Associate Members offer discounted or money-saving products and services to our member districts.
- 8) Missouri Boys & Girls State – MARE sponsors students from member districts each year to attend both of these amazing events.
- 9) MARE Leadership – MARE is led by ten regional school district representatives, two at-large BOE member seats, 1 MO K-8 representative, 1 Higher Education representative and two Advisory Board representatives.

While the list above contains many of the major reasons in support of MARE membership, there are numerous others. I would welcome the opportunity to visit with any district concerning MARE. I can be reached by phone at (660) 747-8050!

**Golf Players Wanted** – The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament is slated for Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. We are anticipating a big crowd and a great event. We do have a few openings for individual players who are interested in supporting this event and joining one of the teams of some of our amazing sponsors. If you are a golfer and would like to join us on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, please reach out to me by phone (660) 747-8050 or by email at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com) to share your interest asap! All proceeds from this tournament support our MARE College Scholarship Fund. From last year's event proceeds, we are awarding twenty-four \$1,000.00 scholarships on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>!

## **NREA & NEF Foundation – Get Rural America Job Ready**

Dear Superintendent/Principal,

**Respond** or pass along this message to your Career Tech Education or Curriculum Director to apply for this unique CTE grant for your students.

**NREA** and **National Education Foundation (NEF)**, the non-profit leader in CTE grants, announce their "**Get Rural America Job Ready**" vision program to help prepare **all rural college and high school students** for high-demand jobs!

**Grant: 72.5% Matching Grant = \$435 per student, and 20% Cash Grant.**

**Revenue: You can generate revenue** by selling the licenses to corporations, government agencies, and other entities for the market fee of \$600 per employee.

**Application deadline: July 20, 2022.**

### **What You Get:**

Top-rated **Skillssoft content and courses** (7,500 IT, 750 Business and 1,700 Productivity, 100 Industry Certifications (Comptia, CyberSecurity, Project Management, AI, Data Science, Microsoft Office, Communication and Other Soft Skills, etc.) accessible 24/7 for 2022-23 school year.

- Online **live expert mentors** 24/7 for most of the Industry Certification Training Courses
- **State University of New York (SUNY) Certificates and Badges**, which enable your students to apply for jobs anywhere.
- \$435/student matching in-kind **Grant** from NEF for 2022-23
- **Cash Grant** from NEF for CTE Program Director, Stipend and Motivational Rewards, etc.

**APPLY NOW:** <https://www.nationaleducationfoundation.org/apply/>

We appreciate your sincere efforts to provide job-ready CTE education for your students!

### **Dr. Appu Kuttan**

Founder and Chairman National Education Foundation

Non-profit leader in CTE & Grants Philanthropist, Advisor to Leaders Winner of Global Awards 703.823.9999

## **TeachMO Scholarship Opportunities**

TeachMO is excited to announce several **new** scholarships we will be offering this summer, **in addition** to our \$1,000 Summer Scholarship. These scholarships are designed to encourage applicants to pursue teacher preparation programs across Missouri. Recognizing the financial barriers facing some candidates pursuing certification, TeachMO provides scholarships and application fee reimbursements to help aspiring educators fulfill their dream. This summer, we have unique scholarships for Future Black Teachers (\$2,500) and Future Latinx Teachers (\$2,500).

For more information, click here [TeachMO Scholarship Information](#)

**MARE District Membership** – MARE membership has hit an all-time high of **402 school district members** with the recent addition of Camdenton R-III, Gasconade Co. R-I & Brookfield R-III. We greatly appreciate all of our member districts and we look forward to working with you! The organization is growing on several fronts. We hope to continue to add services, products and opportunities for our members in the near future! If you have questions about MARE and the benefits of belonging, call me!

## **Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium – Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents**

Dear Colleagues,

The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium continues to mourn with the community of Uvalde, Texas. Our deepest sympathy remains with the victim's families who have suffered an unimaginable loss. We, along with the rest of America, stand united with the citizens of Uvalde, Texas.

With unyielding resolve, we remain committed to ensuring our nation's emergency responders in small, rural, and tribal communities prepare for the worst and train to be the best for school-based incidents and other emergencies and disasters. As a result, the RDPC continues to offer AWR-148: Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems.

AWR-148 is an 8-hour, DHS/FEMA-certified, tuition-free course designed to educate rural law enforcement personnel as well as school administrators and staff on the elements that would allow for an effective response to school-based emergencies. Schools in small, rural, and remote areas across the country account for almost 23 percent of the total student population (more than 11 million students). Rural schools, law enforcement, and other emergency responders are often limited in resources. It is imperative that all potentially affected parties collaborate on planning, preparing, communicating, responding, and recovering from a school-based incident.

Topics include (but not limited to):

- Introduction to Incident Planning and Preparedness
- Proactive Threat Mitigation
- Incident Response
- Incident Recovery
- Vulnerability Assessments
- Threat Assessment Management
- Incident Defusing and Debriefing

- Reunification
- Anniversaries, Memorials, "Copy-Cats"

Who Should Attend:

- All First Responders, especially Law Enforcement
- School Administrators
- School Safety and Security Personnel
- Community Emergency Management Personnel
- Community Mental Health Personnel
- Community Stakeholders

For more information or to request a tuition-free delivery in your area, visit us online at [rural-training.org](http://rural-training.org) or call 877-855-RDPC (7372).

**12th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament** - The 12th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 18th at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Information has been mailed and is posted on the MARE website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com). We plan to use the proceeds from this event, along with other donor support, to provide \$35,000 in scholarships!

[12th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament Flyer](#)

[2022 MARE Golf Tournament Sponsorship Information](#)

[2022 MARE Golf Tournament Registration](#)

**NREA News** - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Weekly Update - June 24, 2022](#), [NREA Weekly Update - July 1, 2022](#)

**2022 MARE/MO K-8 Fall Conference** - Make plans now to join us for the 2022 MARE/MO K-8 Conference which will be held Wednesday, October 19th through Friday, October 21st at the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Your support of this growing event will be greatly appreciated and I promise you will enjoy it!

[2022 Conference "Call for Presentations" Proposal](#)

[2022 Conference Registration Form](#)

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[2022 Outstanding Rural Awards Nomination Form](#)

## **MoASBO – Training Program for Bookkeepers**

MoASBO's SBS program is designed to train support staff members for success in their positions.

Registration for the School Business Specialist (SBS) program opens on July 1. Space in the program is limited to 35 people, so bookkeepers, clerks, assistants and specialists need to register as soon as they can.

- **[Click here to read the program manual.](#)**

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Mulvaney, [kmulvaney@moasbo.org](mailto:kmulvaney@moasbo.org) - 417-693-298.

**\*\* Please share this with your district bookkeeper!**

## **2022 Lead School Nurse Collaborative**

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The MO Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) School Health Program is offering an event for Lead School Nurses/Coordinators of Health Services.

**Date and Location:** August 19, 2022 8:00 AM-3:30 PM Governor Office Building Room #450 200 Madison Street Jefferson City, MO 65101

**Purpose:** To provide lead school nurses with updates on programs and initiatives at the state level related to child and adolescent health, school health issues, and school health program resources. As we finalize the agenda, some topics to be covered include updates on immunizations, chronic disease, COVID-19, Medicaid, and much more.

**Who should attend:** RNs and LPNs working as the district Lead Nurse or Coordinator of Health Services.

**Cost:** No cost for registration. There is a daily fee for parking in the municipal garage of \$6.

**Registration:** [https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_40yAIFQ2iwf0m9M](https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_40yAIFQ2iwf0m9M) Please register by Aug. 4, 2022.

Following registration, participants will receive a confirmation email with details and other pertinent information. Please note: The emails are sent manually, so allow a week for confirmation to be returned.

## **2022 Health Office Orientation on July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

Missouri Association of Rural Education (MARE) is partnering with the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), School Health Program and the Missouri Association of School Nurses (MASN) to offer an orientation for health office staff.

**Date and Location:** July 19-20 at the Governor's Office Building located at 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, MO. The meeting will be held in room #450 beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and ending at 3:00 p.m. on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Purpose:** This two-day workshop offers an orientation for nurses without prior work experience in schools and an overview of information regarding school nursing practice.

Areas to be addressed include: general school nurse responsibilities, immunizations, communicable diseases, documentation, chronic disease management, medication administration training and screenings- vision, hearing, dental; as well as review of practices in Special Education Services; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and child abuse reporting.

**Who should attend:** Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses who have not previously worked in schools, and new health office staff in schools, working without the benefit of a MD or RN supervisor. Attendance seating is limited and priority registration will be given to those with less than two years of experience in schools and those who have not previously attended the orientation.

**Cost:** No cost for registration. There is \$30 fee payable to MASN for working lunches (2 days). There is also a daily fee for the parking garage of \$6.

**Registration:**

[https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_brewkB4gHOScyWi](https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_brewkB4gHOScyWi)

→ Deadline for Registration is July 7, 2019.

*Following registration, participants will receive a confirmation email with a list of materials to be completed prior to attending the workshop. (Please note: The emails are sent manually, so allow a day or so for confirmation to be returned.) Lodging options and parking information will be available.*

Call (573) 522-2822 or email with questions [SHS@health.mo.gov](mailto:SHS@health.mo.gov)

## **Quote of the Week**

True education does not consist merely in the acquiring of a few facts of science, history, literature, or art, but in the development of character.

– David O. McKay

## **MUSIC – Bus Driver Training**

MUSIC will be facilitating School Bus Driver Training in various regions of the state beginning in July. To learn more about this training opportunity, **click the school bus icon below to learn more about the 2022 Bus Driver Training opportunities, including dates and times.**

Please look at each training event and follow the directions for registering. Pre-registration helps each training site to have an indication of the total number of participants. Each location provides different training hours depending on the site selected, and the hours will go towards the 8-hour annual training requirement.

**[MUSIC Bus Driver Training](#)**



**MARE Board Training Opportunities** - MARE will provide Board Training in 2022 for newly elected or appointed BOE members according to the schedule noted below:

**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 - 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.)**

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)).

**Summer Legal Seminars/Workshops Schedule** – Our legal partners at EdCounsel, LLC, Guin Mundorf, LLC, Mickes O’Toole, LLC and Tueth Keeney have provided the following information regarding their Annual Summer Legal Workshops:



**2022 EDCOUNSEL SCHOOL LAW SEMINAR**

<b><u>Tuesday, July 26, 2022</u></b> <i>Jackson Civic Center Jackson, MO</i>	<b><u>Thursday, July 28, 2022</u></b> <i>Adams Pointe Conference Center Blue Springs, MO</i>
<b><u>Thursday, August 4, 2022</u></b> <i>Courtyard by Marriott St. Peters, MO</i>	<b><u>Friday, August 5, 2022</u></b> <i>Stoney Creek Hotel &amp; Conference Center Columbia, MO</i>
<b><u>Friday, August 12, 2022</u></b> <i>Darr Agricultural Center (MSU) Springfield, MO</i>	

*For more information visit [www.edcounsel.law](http://www.edcounsel.law)*

   



**2022  
Annual  
School  
Law  
Seminar**

*8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

**August 3 - Springfield Area**  
Doubletree by Hilton  
2431 N. Glenstone Avenue  
Springfield

**August 5 - Kansas City Area**  
Stoney Creek Conference Center  
1801 Bass Pro Drive  
Independence

**August 10 - Cape Girardeau**  
Drury Plaza Hotel Cape  
Girardeau Conference Center  
3351 Percy Drive  
Cape Girardeau

## Mickes O’Toole, LLC 39th Annual School Law Seminars

### Locations:

- July 29, 2022 | Cape Girardeau, MO (Cape Girardeau School District – Kinder Hall)
- July 31, 2022| Lake Ozark, MO (Lodge of the Four Seasons)
- August 1, 2022 | St. Louis, MO (Doubletree by Hilton Hotel – Chesterfield)
- August 3, 2022 | Springfield, MO (Missouri State University – Darr Agricultural Center)
- August 4, 2022 | Blue Springs, MO (Marriott Courtyard Blue Springs – Adams Pointe Conference Center)

### Topics:

- Coming Soon!

Registration begins at 8:00 am. All seminars will run from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. All of the seminars are presented without charge for clients and friends in the education community.

[Mickes O’Toole Registration](#)

### Tueth Keeney - MISSOURI SCHOOL LAW SEMINARS

11:45 A.M. – 3:45 P.M. - Registration 10:45 A.M.

Monday, August 8, 2022

Liberty 53 School District – Liberty

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Lodge of the Four Seasons - Lake Ozark

Friday, August 12, 2022

University of Missouri - St. Louis



## Learning Blade PD Opportunity

### NEW Learning Blade Course: Introduction to Coding – Request Free Coding PD

**YOUR MISSION** MISSION GUIDE SWITCH MISSIONS YOUR SCORECARD

### Introduction to Coding

**TASK:** Learning the basics of computer programming and cybersecurity, and understanding how these skills impact our society.

Missions Completed: 0 1 Mission Score: 0 2 4 Tools Earned: 0 of 7 needed Teammates Earned: 2 of 2 needed 100%

TECHNOLOGIES	STATUS
1. Computers in our Society	Not Started
2. Basic Concepts of Programming	Not Started
3. Writing Your First Code for Robots	Not Started
4. Creating Interactive Programs	Not Started
5. Mobile Applications and Cloud Computing	Not Started
6. Common Business Applications	Not Started
7. Introduction to Cybersecurity	In Progress

CAREERS	STATUS
Computer Science Careers	Completed
Your Choice - Exploring a Career	Completed

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Dear School Leaders,  
Learning Blade recently added the **“Introduction to Coding”** course to help teachers/staff provide students with an introduction to computers, text- and block- based computer

programming, and computer science careers. This course provides middle school teachers with up to 20-hours of resources needed to deliver a robust coding experience that includes both online and offline activities.

Request a free back-to-school PD for any coding/STEM teachers to learn how to easily integrate “Introduction to Coding,” email us at [info@learningblade.com](mailto:info@learningblade.com) with desired dates and times for a 30, 60, or 90-minute PD.

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