



MARE Focus

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Superintendent Search Program - One of the many services that MARE provides is a quality, yet affordable Superintendent Search Program. If you are retiring this year or making plans to move, we would welcome the opportunity to work with your district to find the next leader. Contact Kevin Sandlin, MARE Executive Director, at (666) 747-8050 or ksandlin@moare.com for more information.

STOP The Violence Grant Opportunity - MARE, SlateXP (LearnSafe) and the University of Missouri are preparing to submit a STOP the Violence Grant (Round 2) with the Department of Justice. Emails were sent to the original 87 or so schools that signed up for this opportunity last year. Please check your email to see if you received this information. In the email, you are encouraged to complete a short Qualtrics survey and to respond to me by email indicating district interest in being included for this application. If you have questions, please reach out to me. It is possible that we may be able to open this grant up to additional MARE Member School Districts in the near future.

MARE Welcomes Bukaty Companies - Jeff Walstrom

MARE is pleased to welcome Bukaty Companies and Jeff Walstrom to our Associate Membership list. Read on for more information on who they are and what they can provide for your school district.



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Bukaty Companies

- Full service employee benefits brokerage and consulting company focused on helping clients manage their risk and maximize benefit plans while keeping an eye on costs.
- Have the in-house expertise to manage plans for districts of all sizes and currently manage the benefits for over 50 school districts in Missouri and Kansas.
- One of the largest, privately owned brokerage firms in Missouri and Kansas, and ranked among the top 4 local companies for life/ health premium volume by the Kansas City Business Journal.
- Extensive insurance carrier relationships ensure our clients receive concierge level service and enhance renewal negotiations.
- Earned professional designations with leading health and ancillary insurance carriers that allow Bukaty Companies to provide concierge level service and the most competitive rates in the marketplace.
- All Bukaty clients have complimentary access to our HR Concierge Service for questions ranging from compli-

cated compliance regulations to employee performance issues. In addition our clients are regularly and accurately informed with resources such as • Better Your Business seminars, • Benefit Bulletins, • Health Care Reform Bulletins, • Carrier Notices, and • ERISA & HIPAA compliance.

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MARE Welcomes Common Goal Systems as New Associate Member

MARE is pleased to welcome Common Goal Systems as a New Associate Member. For more information on who they are and what they can provide for your school district, read below:

Common Goal Systems provides Student Information, Grade Book, and Financial Management Solutions to K-12 School Districts across Missouri and the nation. Our solution meets DESE MOSIS reporting requirements and offers the latest technology with industry leading customer support. We work with medium to small districts and larger districts that have advanced Standards-based (Standards Referenced) grading needs. We have Missouri based support, training, and sales personnel to assist you and your district. Contact Martin Bennet, Ed.S., at 314-925-0791 or mbennet@common-goal.com for a demonstration.

MARE Welcomes Audio Enhancement as New Associate Member

MARE is pleased to welcome Audio Enhancement as our newest Associate Member. For more information on this provider, please read on.



Audio Enhancement was founded in 1978 on the idea that “learning begins with hearing.” As pioneers of classroom audio technology, Audio Enhancement brings clarity and success to students and teachers. For 40 years, Audio Enhancement has created and delivered research-driven solutions to complex education problems in classrooms around the world.

Audio Enhancement provides customizable solutions to support learning inside and outside the classroom. These solutions include classroom audio, cameras, safety alerts, and schoolwide communication. Classroom audio provides a teacher microphone, distributing the teacher’s voice to all students. The microphone includes alert buttons for emergencies, quickly notifying office staff of urgent situations. Classroom cameras provide teachers a way to record or livestream lessons for remote and blended learning models. Videos can be uploaded to an LMS or download and delivered to students. Intercom, paging, and bells systems are fully customizable, giving schools freedom to update and adjust as needed.

To learn more contact Keith Hanak Keith.Hanak@audioenhancement.com

Summer Legal Workshops Schedules - Please access the links below for the latest information on the various Summer Legal Seminar schedules from our partners at EdCounsel, LLC, Guin Mundorf, LLC, Mickes O'Toole, LLC and Tueth Keeney, P.C.
[EdCounsel Summer School Law Seminars](#)
[Guin Mundorf Annual School Law Seminars](#)
[Mickes O'Toole 38th Annual School Law Seminars](#)
[Tueth Keeney Cooper Mohan & Jackstadt School Law Seminars](#)

MARE Membership Invoices for 2021-2022 - We truly appreciate all of our MARE member school districts. **Invoices for school districts were mailed on Thursday, June 17th.** If you have not received an invoice and are interested in MARE membership, please email me at ksandlin@moare.com and I will send information to you. Remember that with your membership each district receives 1 copy of the Missouri School Directory. Please review the information for your district on the DESE website (Core Data Screens) and be sure to have updated information (new Superintendent, tax levy and assessed valuation numbers entered, etc. by August 24th so that accurate and up-to-date information will be included in the 2021-2022 School Directory which will be distributed in early September.

2021 Health Office Orientation - The 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: Due to the continued circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Office Orientation will again be offered as a *virtual* training and orientation package. Learning modules will be posted and the link to accessing the required modules will be shared upon registration. An online live event will be held to allow participants to come together and share their challenges and concerns, and talk with our faculty in follow up to the learning modules, asking questions and clarifying how to apply the materials to their school nursing practice.

Purpose: This virtual workshop provides a series of online modules to assist in orienting 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 LPN or RN supervisor.

Cost: No cost for registration.

Registration:

https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3UvpdwTWAVyWOW2

Deadline for Registration is July 23, 2021

After confirmation of your registration, the School Health Program will send the information for accessing the learning modules, additional program information and the schedule of dates for completing the materials and the virtual interactive live meeting.

(Note: The emails are sent manually, so you will not receive an automatic confirmation response)

For additional workshop information contact Barb at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services Barbara.Spaw@health.mo.gov or at (816) 521-7727.

MARE/MO K-8 Fall Conference - Make plans now to join us for the 2021 MARE/MO K-8 Conference which will be held Wednesday, October 20th through Friday, October 22nd at the Lodge of Four Seasons. Help us reach our goal of 200 attendees! Information will be mailed out in June and posted to the website!

[2021 Conference Registration Form](#)

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[2021 Conference "Call for Presentations Proposal"](#)

[2021 Outstanding Rural Awards Nomination Form](#)

11th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament - The 11th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 19th at the beautiful Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Information for this year's event is linked below:

[2021 MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament Flyer](#)

[Golf Tournament Sponsorship Information](#)

[2021 Golf Tournament Registration Form](#)

Please come out and join us this year! We will accept the first 36 teams to register!

MARE Board Training Opportunities - MARE will offer the required Board Training for newly elected or appointed Board members on the following dates and at the noted locations:

MARE Board Training Dates – 2021

Northwest Missouri - Marvville, MO - Holiday Inn Express (660) 562-9949

Friday, July 16, 2021 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, July 17, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Northeast Missouri - Kirksville, MO - Holiday Inn Express (660) 956-4682

Friday, July 23, 2021 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, July 24, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

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

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Thursday, October 21, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Lake Ozark, MO - The Lodge of the Four Seasons (Deadline to register - November 19th!)

Friday, December 10, 2021 (12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, December 11, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

To register for these in-person training events, please access the form found on the MARE website or contact Kevin Sandlin at (660) 747-8050 or by email at ksandlin@moare.com.

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Weekly Update - June 25, 2021](#), [NREA Weekly Update - July 2, 2021](#)

Quote of the Week

"Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do." – Mother Teresa

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