



MARE Focus

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- 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!

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!

Mickes O'Toole Title IX Training Opportunity

Title IX Training

Title IX Coordinators, investigators, decision makers, and district advisors under the New Regulations are responsible for understanding and ensuring compliance with a complex set of federal laws. As of August 14, 2020 new Title IX regulations regarding sexual harassment have gone into place. These new rules add extra responsibilities and modify many common practices. Mickes O'Toole will provide attendees with targeted training and guidance on how to monitor compliance, implement policies, evaluate complaints, conduct investigations, enforce disciplinary actions, and maintain proper documentation.

This training is for new Title IX Coordinators and all those needing a refresher.

June 22, 2022 | 9 am - 1 pm
Please use the link below to register.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Heather Lawson at hlawson@mickesotoole.com

[Register Here](#)

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. 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: [June 10, 2022 NREA Weekly Update](#), [June 17, 2022 NREA Weekly Update](#)

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 - 417-693-298.

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

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](#)

2022 Health Office Orientation on July 19th & 20th

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 19th and ending at 3:00 p.m. on July 20th.

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

→ 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

Quote of the Week

"People buy into the leader before they buy into the vision."

John Maxwell

Missouri Tobacco Prevention & Control

PROMOTING TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CESSATION

- The Tobacco Prevention and Control Program launched a statewide social media campaign in early April to raise awareness of the harms of youth electronic cigarette use. The [Tobacco is Changing](#) ads target parents, while the [Nicotine=Brain Addiction](#) ads target teens. All of the ads promote [Live Vape Free](#), a teen vaping cessation texting program as a free resource for [help to quit](#), as well as information and support for parents. We appreciate your efforts to help leverage the statewide campaign.
- Flyers for the Live Vape Free, teen vaping cessation texting and parent support program, referenced in social media campaigns are attached and hyperlinked below if you want to send them electronically to partners.
- **Social media messages** to raise awareness of tobacco use and promote cessation in connection with **May** related holidays and observances, are available on the [TCP web page](#).
- **May 15, 2022: No Menthol Sunday**. The annual faith-based observance day, sponsored by the Center for Black Health and Equity, is designed to engage faith communities in tough conversations about how menthol and tobacco addiction have impacted African Americans. Get more information and free observance day resources at [No Menthol Sunday](#).
- **May 30, 2022: World No Tobacco Day** – "*Tobacco: Threat to Our Environment*" is the theme of this year's global campaign to raise awareness of the environmental impact of tobacco and promote cessation. Free campaign resources are available on the [World Health Organization's](#) website.
- **Cancer Prevention** – the Department of Health and Senior Services, in collaboration with many partners, launched a cancer prevention campaign this week. The campaign includes interviews with cancer survivors and health care professionals regarding strategies to prevent cancer, including avoiding tobacco and regular screenings. The following Facebook ads are available to view and share: [ad 1](#), [ad 2](#), [ad 3](#), [ad 4](#) and [ad 5](#). Additional survivor videos will be added to the campaign and available on the [DHSS YouTube](#) channel in the next couple of weeks.

Have a Happy, Fun & Relaxing Summer! We appreciate you!

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:

Southwest Missouri - Bolivar, MO - Comfort Inn - (417) 326-6169)

- **Friday, June 24, 2022 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)**
- **Saturday, June 25, 2022 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

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, or go online (www.moare.com).

Defined Learning White Paper

Now more than ever, educators need better approaches for engaging students in meaningful learning that builds critical thinking and problem-solving skills – skills that will support them throughout their lives.

In this [complimentary white paper](#) from Defined, you'll learn what the experts are saying about how to best grow student engagement and accelerate learning during this unprecedented time. We'll share research that supports Project-Based Learning (PBL) as a highly effective method and provide examples of districts that are effectively implementing PBL in virtual, blended, and in-person environments.

[View White Paper](#)

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

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

For more information visit www.edcounsel.law

   



GUIN MUNDORF LLC
Attorneys at 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 Professional Development Opportunities

Schedule your Learning Blade Back to School Professional Development



Dear School Leaders,
Are you looking for STEM and/or computer science PD for your back-to-school teacher PD days? Request a free back-to-school PD with Learning Blade, email us at info@learningblade.com with desired dates and times for a 60 or 90-minute PD.

Our back-to-school PD will cover the new Intro to Coding course (designed to support all schools providing coding to students), how to integrate the 400 online interdisciplinary STEM/CS

lessons, and a review of the 100 plus hours of PBL hands-on lesson plans. **Students can't be what they can't see.** This is why after using Learning Blade students double their interest in STEM/CS career pathways.

We look forward to supporting your school district with STEM, CS, CTE career-connected lessons.

Brain Injury Association of Missouri – Survey Opportunity

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), in collaboration with the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) and the University of Missouri-Kansas City Institute for Human Development (UMKC-IHD), received grant funding to conduct a survey on the employment and volunteer related needs and experiences of survivors of brain injury in Missouri. Results from this survey will inform the development of a Missouri Plan to improve employment and volunteer experiences and opportunities for people living with brain injury and their families.

As a professional who provides supports and services for survivors of brain injury and their families, we hope you will assist with disseminating this survey. **With your assistance, we would like to reach as many survivors and families as possible to best identify areas of need and shape statewide initiatives in the coming years.**

Below, you will see web links for distribution as well as optional language for you to use for dissemination. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Kelli Barton from the UMKC Institute for Human Development at bartonkn@umkc.edu.

On behalf of the project team, thank you for your continued partnership and support!

Survey Opportunity: Employment and Volunteer Experiences Among Survivors of Brain Injury.

Are you a person with a brain injury living in Missouri?

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), along with the Brain Injury Association of Missouri (BIA-MO) and the University of Missouri-Kansas City Institute for Human Development (UMKC-IHD), want to learn more about your work and volunteer experiences. We hope to use this survey to create a Missouri Plan to improve the work and volunteering experiences of survivors of brain injury. This Plan will be used to guide statewide activities in the coming years.

Make your voice heard, your input is so important to current and future work statewide!

[Employment and Volunteering Survey](#)

If you have any questions, please contact **Dr. Kelli Barton** from the UMKC Institute for Human Development at bartonkn@umkc.edu.

Thank you for your time and feedback!

MARE Welcomes MERS Missouri Goodwill as New Associate Member

MARE is pleased to welcome MERS Missouri Goodwill as our newest Associate Member. For more information on this amazing organization and the great work they are doing, as well as opportunities for employment, please read below:

MERS Missouri Goodwill's mission is " Changing lives through the power of work." Education is an essential component when seeking job opportunities. One of the most heartbreaking occurrences in education is a student dropping out of school. They grow to adults and, without a high school diploma, their ability to further their education and obtain employment with a family sustaining wage is limited. There are over 500,000 Missourians without a high school diploma who lose an average of \$400,000 over their working lives.

Goodwill, supported by DESE and MO DSS, has opened 4 adult high school in Missouri since 2018. Our schools serve almost a thousand adults, offer 5 accelerated terms per year, are open 8:30 am to 8:30 pm, and classes are all taught by MO certified teachers. We provide resources to help students overcome obstacles and remove barriers through flexible scheduling, life coaching, transportation assistance, on-site free daycare, and a growing network of outside resources. Students are able to pick up where they left off and complete the remaining credits they need to earn a MO High School diploma. An accelerated, adult community allows instructors to build lessons around student needs and to use both data and creativity in designing, refining, and implementing curriculum. In addition, students are also able to earn Industry Recognized Credentials such as Phlebotomy, Pharmacy Tech, Microsoft certifications, etc. Currently 41% of our graduates enroll in college or advanced training and 60% graduate with dual credit or an Industry Recognized Certification. To date, we have produced nearly 700 graduates and over 90% of those graduates have either joined the workforce, earned an IRC, enrolled into an Apprenticeship or college.

MERSGoodwill Excel Centers will open 4 additional schools in 2022 & 2023. The north St. Louis County Center and the Cape Girardeau Center will both open in the fall of 2022. Both of these new schools will plan to serve approximately 200-250 additional students. Tentative plans are to open two more Excel Centers in the fall of 2023. The expansion model will allow Goodwill to bring more opportunities closer to potential new students to offset the rising fuel costs. The above information is an overview of what our mission is for helping adults get a second chance to earn their high school diploma and ultimately, help our workforce but these schools are also a great "second chance" for educators in the state of Missouri. Can you imagine a classroom full of students who WANT to be there and are thankful for a second chance? No worries about prepping for state assessments, standardized tests? The majority of our staff are indeed retired teachers who can often be heard saying this isn't just a second chance for our students, but also a second chance for us as teachers!

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