



# MARE Focus

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**MARE Membership** - Our organization simply could not exist or provide the services, products and benefits to our member school districts without the support of both our 381 member school districts ([2020-2021 MARE Membership](#)) and our generous MARE Associate Members ([2020-2021 Associate Members](#)). **Invoices for our school district members will be mailed from this office on or before, Friday, June 19th.** If you do not see your name on the attached membership list and would like to become a member of MARE, please email me at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com) or call the office at (660) 747-8050. Access this link ([MARE Membership Benefits](#)) to see a flyer that shares some of the many benefits that your MARE membership provides for the affordable cost of \$400.00 per year for K-8 districts or \$500.00 per year for K-12 districts!

**EdCounsel, LLC - July 20th Summer Legal Seminar** - We have worked with EdCounsel to offer an **in-person** Summer Legal Seminar event on Monday, July 20th at the Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Registration for this event will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the seminar scheduled to run from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. that morning. The seminar will conclude just prior to the scheduled Shotgun Start for the 10th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament which is slated for 12:00 noon. **In order to have this seminar, we need a minimum of twenty-five (25) administrators to sign up and commit prior to Thursday, July 2nd! If we do not have 25 signed up by that date, we will unfortunately have to cancel the event.** Please access the EdCounsel, LLC link at [Register Now](#) to sign up!

**MARE Board Training Program Update** - Please note the scheduled training opportunities below:

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

- Friday, June 26, 2020 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 27, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Wednesday, October 21, 2020 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, October 22, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**\*\*\*PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANY NEW BOARD MEMBER(S) NEEDING THE EIGHTEEN AND ONE-HALF (18.5) HOURS OF REQUIRED TRAINING.**

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)) and complete the electronic form found under Board Training.

**Dates and locations may change due to unforeseen circumstances!!!**

## **Reopening School Facilities with Confidence - (McKinstry)**

Facilities: A Focal Point for School Re-Opening Discussion

As administrators work to develop a plan for students to return to school, the safe operations of

buildings are at the center of the discussion. There are many factors to consider, including:

- How can we reduce the spread of airborne illnesses like COVID-19?
- How can my buildings contribute to overall student, teacher and staff wellness?
- How will we accommodate physical distancing requirements?
- What additional costs will stem from new sanitation and social distancing requirements?

These are all great questions, especially since many buildings have been shut down or operating in a limited capacity for months. To re-open with confidence, mechanical, temperature control and domestic water systems should be inspected, and critical steps need to be taken to ensure the safety of occupants. Some systems may need to be put back in a mode that meets the initial design intent, or risk equipment failure, false system reporting, indoor air quality (IAQ) issues and increased maintenance costs.

Action plans that embrace IAQ standards, while aligning with current health and safety guidelines should be created. Specific maintenance procedures need to be followed, documented for future reference, and some maintenance teams may require additional training. This is no trivial task.

[To read the full article, please click here](#)

## **Preparing for a Safe Return to School - Office Essentials**

**Rely on Office Essentials for all your COVID-19 related supply & product needs. From routine PPE supplies to portable furnishings, we have you covered.**

**Do not delay, due to high demand, COVID-19 inventories moves quickly.**

**For more information about items listed or other related product needs please contact**

**Kristine Holmin**

**Call: 1-417-331-3000**

**Email:kholmin@offess.com**

[For a list of specific products, please click here](#)

**MARE Welcomes PMA Financial Network, LLC** - MARE is pleased to welcome PMA Financial Network, LLC as a New Associate Member.

PMA is here to help your community thrive. For over 35 years, public entities like yours have turned to PMA as a trusted partner and integral component of their long-term financial success. With billions of dollars invested annually, PMA provides over 3,200 public entities with a diverse lineup of customized financial solutions through a team of highly experienced professionals and some of the most innovative technology available. PMA has earned a reputation in the public sector for developing financial solutions that work. To see more information, please click on this link [PMA Financial Network, LLC](#)

## **MARE Welcomes EduOptimus as New Associate Member**

MARE is pleased to welcome Amy Youngblood and EduOptimus as our newest Associate Member. Since 2013 EduOptimus has been providing high-quality professional development to help educators and districts strengthen teaching and learning. We are able to support teachers and leaders with engaging whole and small group sessions, classroom

modeling and coaching, and curriculum implementation. EduOptimus believes each school district is unique and works to create professional development to meet your district's goals when providing services. We can support your district in Mathematics, Science, ELA, Formative and Summative Assessments, Curriculum Implementation, High-Impact Instructional Strategies in the physical classroom and High-Impact Instructional Strategies for distance learning.

To discuss how we can support you, please contact Amy Youngblood [amy@eduoctimus.com](mailto:amy@eduoctimus.com) or visit our website [www.eduoctimus.com](http://www.eduoctimus.com).

**MARE DOJ Grant Update** - Thank you to the eighty-seven (87) districts that signed on to participate in the DOJ Grant that we have been collaboratively working on with the team at SlateXP (LearnSafe) and the University of Missouri at Columbia. Over 60,000 student lives were included in the proposal. We even have a waiting list of five (5) schools if the opportunity for expansion becomes a reality. More information will be shared in future MARE Focus articles and on the MARE website as it becomes available!

**Summer Law Workshop Schedule** - Please access the links below for the latest information on the various Summer Law Workshop schedules from our partners at EdCounsel, Guin Mundorf, Mickes O'Toole and Tueth Keeney.

[EdCounsel Summer Law Workshops](#)  
[Guin Mundorf, LLC Summer Law Workshops](#)  
[Mickes O'Toole Summer Law Workshops](#)  
[Tueth Keeney Summer Law Workshops](#)

**Scholarship Program Information** - Listed below are the individuals who received scholarships through our two scholarship programs this year:

**MARE/EdCounsel HS Senior Scholarship Program**

Kayleigh Bates, Ariana Carmichael, Kesly Carrington, Eva Clubbs, Chelsie Collins, LaKota Collins-Honeycutt, Hanah Corpening, Reagan Hill, Lauren Hoerstkamp, Alexander Jackson, Ashlyn Lewis, Bailey Lynn, Clinton McGill, Brendan Myers, Kortney Nelson, Conner Orgill, Lydia Otten, Grace Parrott, Travis Patrick, Kennedy Ponder, Canton Post, Colbe Radford, Saedee Sherwood, Hailey Stewart, Mariah Taylor, Carlos Valdez, Abigail Verts, Dawson Wheeler and Madelyn Wilford

**MARE College Scholarship Program**

Luella Yoder - University of Central Missouri  
Lynsie Boling - Hannibal-LaGrange University  
Madeline Goehman - Central Methodist University  
Kaylyn Bryant - Missouri State University  
Madeline Phillips - Missouri Southern State University  
Audrey Williams - Lincoln University  
Abigail Bilyeu - Missouri State University  
Tayler Allen - Central Methodist University  
Addilyn Hays - Central Methodist University  
Bailey Owens - Northwest Missouri State University  
Abigail Naylor - Central Methodist University  
Kendey Eaton - Northwest Missouri State University

Michael Willhite - Southwest Baptist University  
Alan Ottman - Northwest Missouri State University  
Zachary Studdard - Missouri State University

\*\* Photos and other information will be posted to the MARE website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com) soon regarding these students!!

**Please join me in congratulating all of these students!**

**Board Refresher Training - New Videos Coming** - We are in the early phases of planning to produce a new Board Refresher Training video for the 2020-2021 school year. Along with information on the prevention of sexual abuse of children, the video will contain other useful information for current Board members. If you have suggestions for topics to be covered in the new video, please share that information with me by calling (660) 747-8050 or emailing me at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com). **A link to the video will be shared with all MARE member school districts in August or September!**

**2020 MARE/MO K-8 Conference** - Scheduled on October 21-23, 2020 at the Lodge of Four Seasons. **Please make plans now to attend this growing event!** We will have five legal sessions, a Legal Panel, presentations from Dr. Margie Vandeven, Dr. Kari Monsees, Dr. Chris Neale, DESE Special Education, Federal Programs, "Outstanding Rural Awards" Luncheon, two receptions, great food, vendor hall, and many other opportunities to grow, learn and collaborate.

**Please access the links for Conference Registration, Exhibitor Registration, Call for Presentations and Outstanding Rural Education Awards found on the cover of this MARE Focus article!**

**10th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament** - The Missouri Association of Rural Education will be hosting our 10th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament on Monday, July 20th at the beautiful Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Over the past three years, with the assistance of our generous sponsors, we have been able to award \$76,000.00 in scholarship awards to both graduating HS Seniors and College Juniors/Seniors who have goals of becoming teachers in Missouri rural schools. Our annual golf tournament is our primary fundraiser to support these awards. Linked below this message are the various documents associated with this event including the Golf Tournament Flyer, Registration Form, Sponsorship Form, Letter to Superintendents and a Letter to Business Partners. Since our event is not directly tied to the annual DESE Summer Conference this year, we will be offering a Legal Seminar the morning of the event prior to registration and tournament play. More information will be released soon regarding that opportunity. If you have questions regarding this event, please reach out directly to me at (660) 747-8050 or by email at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

[Golf Sponsorship Information](#)  
[Golf Tournament Registration](#)

**2020 Health Office Orientation** - *2020 Health Office Orientation Updated*

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:** The unusual circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic event has caused us to re-think and adjust the plan for the annual program. This year, the Health Office Orientation will 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\\_0iZzZfVt9VQyvYh](https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0iZzZfVt9VQyvYh)

Deadline for Registration is July 24, 2020

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 call Heather at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services at (573) 526-5872 or email: [Heather.McClure@health.mo.gov](mailto:Heather.McClure@health.mo.gov)**

**Mexico 59 Assistant Elementary Principal Vacancy** - The Mexico 59 School District is accepting applications for an Assistant Elementary Principal for the 2020-2021 school year. For more information, please access the information on the MARE website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com).

**Ballard R-II K-12 Principal Vacancy** - The Ballard R-II School District is accepting applications for a K-12 Principal for the 2020-2021 school year. For more information, please contact Mr. John Siebeneck, Superintendent, at (816) 297-2656 or by email at [jksballard@gmail.com](mailto:jksballard@gmail.com).

**NREA News** - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on this link: [NREA News](#)

### **Quote of the Week**

**"One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is a vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child."**

**- Carl Jung**

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