



MARE Focus

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- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

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 416 (80%) of the public-school districts in the state as member school districts. **Districts indicating plans to join for 2023-2024 include Kingston K-14, Sarcoxie R-II, Lebanon R-III, Fulton 58, Perry Co. 32 & Marshall.** 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!

MOCAAT – What Can You Do For Me?

MOCAAT is a full financial management resource for Missouri school districts. Established in 2020, MOCAAT® prides itself on bringing a new level of service and support of investment planning and deployment for Missouri schools. The MOCAAT team uses their decades of experience in Missouri school budget, finance and investments to manage more than \$2 billion in assets for 160 districts across the state. For support with investments of your reserve funds, tax revenues, state revenues, and bond proceeds please reach out to John Jungmann, jjungmann@pmanetwork.com (417) 228-4148 or Jason Hoffman, jhoffman@pmanetwork.com (573) 212-6258.

MARE Welcomes Fox Blocks by Airlite Plastics

MARE is pleased to welcome Fox Blocks by Airlite Plastics as our newest Associate Member. For more information on who they are and how their products may assist your school district, please read on!

Fox Blocks Insulated Concrete Forms (ICFs) builds are far superior to the standard structure in energy efficiency because of the thermal mass of the wall assembly. A Fox Blocks ICF building envelope keeps heat in during the winter and cool air in during the summer. Our ICF walls are insulated with a solid surface of continuous insulation on the inside and outside wall surfaces, eliminating air infiltration and heat transfer issues. A Fox Blocks design offers an extremely quiet environment with substantially reduced sound transmission between the outdoors and your indoor environment, providing you with a calm, quiet, healthy, safe and comfortable setting.

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Stop the Violence - Grant Participation - Opportunities for Schools Exist

We have opportunities for at least six (6) additional school districts to join our efforts with the University of Missouri and SlateXP in this grant program. Please read below for more information. If you are interested, please email me at ksandlin@moare.com or call the office at (660) 747-8050. We will take the first six eligible districts!

Health Office Orientation Training

TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR NEW SCHOOL NURSES! The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services School Health Team is hosting a training for new school nurses. Health Office Orientation is a FREE 3-day workshop in Jefferson City, MO July 12-14, 2023. This workshop offers an orientation for nurses without prior work experience in schools with an overview of information regarding school nursing practice. RNs, LPNs and new health office staff (working without the benefit of a MD or RN supervisor) are welcome to attend. Seating is limited. For more information and registration, please visit our website under the "Events" tab [here](#).

Please contact [Angie Bulmahn](#) with any questions.

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NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [June 9, 2023 NREA Weekly Update](#), [June 16, 2023 NREA Weekly Update](#), [June 23, 2023 NREA Weekly Update](#)

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

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

- **Friday, July 14, 2023 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)**
- **Saturday, July 15, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

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

The 13th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 17th at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri.

Over the past three years, MARE, with support from the key sponsors who support the Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament (Veregy (Formerly CTS Group), StepUP Consulting, UMB Bank, L.J. Hart & Company, MEUHP, Missouri Propane Gas Association, SIC Roofing, Performance Services, Mickes O'Toole, LLC, Missouri Educators Health Group, Forrest T. Jones & Company, Guin Mundorf, LLC, American Fidelity, Tueth Keeney Cooper Mohan & Jackstadt, P.C., LearnSafe & MOCAAT; Hole Sponsors (EdCounsel, LLC, MRTA, MUSIC, Tueth Keeney, P.C., GRP WEGMAN Company, NREA, Hamlin Energy, Reynolds Construction & Commercial Roofing, Central States Bus, Gilmore Bell, Apple Bus, Navitas, Universal Construction, K12itc, Sunshine Dental Associates, Audio Enhancement, MET/Gallagher, Wagner Portrait Group, Bukaty Companies (Jeff Walstrom), Gator Graphics, Integrated Facility Services, Missouri Goodwill Excel) and those who provided prizes and played, has provided fifty-four (54) \$1,000.00 scholarships. We plan to present 20-25 \$1,000.00 scholarships this year alone!

Registration is now open and we will accept the first thirty-six (36) paid teams and commit slots to them. **Our format is different this year, with registration slated from 9:30-11:45 a.m., lunch from 10:45-11:45 a.m. and a shotgun start of 12:00 noon. Flight winners and the prize giveaway will immediately follow the event at approximately 5:00 p.m.** Please access the appropriate forms below to complete and send in to secure your slot. If you cannot support this as a Corporate Sponsor, Team Sponsor or Hole Sponsor but would like to help out, please consider donating gift cards or golf related items (hats, golf balls, tees, gloves, clubs, etc.) so that we can hold down our costs and award more in scholarship prizes. For more information, please contact Kevin Sandlin at (660) 747-8050 or by email at ksandlin@moare.com.

[2023 Golf Tournament Flyer](#)

[2023 MARE Golf Tournament Sponsorship Information](#)

[2023 Golf Tournament Registration Form](#)

Satchel Pulse – Support for Teachers

At Satchel Pulse, we know that academic outcomes are critical for any young learner's development. But we also know that students need excellent life skills and a positive school experience to thrive in our evolving world.

That's where we come in.

We provide solutions to improve the life skills of your students and build a positive climate and learning environment.

Does your district suffer from these challenges?

- Increased discipline problems such as absenteeism and truancy
- Instances of bullying and harassment
- Struggling to close achievement gaps
- High dropout rates
- Low academic performance
- Low teacher retention and job satisfaction
- Poor school culture
- Lack of an inclusive and welcoming environment

The combination of our team of education experts and our unique software is ready to help you overcome these challenges.

We'd love to talk to you about your challenges. If you'd like to learn more about how we help, please [book a call](#) with us.

2023 MARE College Scholarship Recipients – Congratulations!

2023 MARE College Scholarship Award Recipients

<u>Student</u>	<u>College/University</u>
Candace Hilt	Rockhurst University
Brooke Ehlers	Missouri Southern State University
Hannah Buechler	Lincoln University
Riley Funk	Missouri State University – Neosho
Amber Mork	Missouri Southern State University
Lisa Inlow	Missouri State University – WP
Abigail Blansit	Missouri State University – Sprfld.
Jaiden Flora	Northwest Missouri State Univ.
Reese Dodson	Central Methodist University
Molly Phillips	Missouri Southern State University
Michaela Bledsoe	Missouri State University – Sprfld.
Delaney McPheeters	Missouri State University – Sprfld.
Ashlyn Lewis	Missouri Valley College
Kortney Nelson	Central Methodist University
Abby Clawson	Northwest Missouri State Univ.
Konner Gilson	University of Central Missouri
Micha Peckham	Missouri Southern State University
Cadan Kauffman	College of the Ozarks
Nekoda Kimbrough	Missouri Southern State University
Isabelle Smith	Missouri State University – Sprfld.
Gerri Madison	Missouri Western State University
Amber Allen	Missouri State University – Sprfld.

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](#)

2023-2024 MARE Membership Invoices – The 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! If you have questions, please reach out to me at (660) 747-8050!

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](#)

Quote of the Week

“If you want to be a leader who attracts quality people, the key is to become a person of quality yourself.” - Jim Rohn

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