



# MARE Focus

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## ENDORSEMENTS

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- EDPLUS
- ED TECH PARTNERS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

**MARE Superintendent Searches** - MARE has been retained to assist with the following Superintendent Searches:

**Otterville R-VI** - Dr. Craig Eaton is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 492-0811 or by email at [craigdeaton87@gmail.com](mailto:craigdeaton87@gmail.com). The deadline to apply for this position is Friday, March 1st!

**North St. Francois Co. R-I** - Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or by email at <mailto:19mj46@charter.net>. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 22, 2019.

**Other Vacancies** - We have the following additional vacancies posted on our site:

- K-12 Principal - Miller Co. R-III School District
- High School Principal - Winston R-VI School District
- Superintendent of Schools - Ridgeway R-V School District
- Superintendent of Schools - Richland R-IV School District
- K-12 Principal & Assistant Principal - Drexel R-IV School District

**Legislative Issues of Concern** - Superintendents, principals, teachers, Board members and others who support public education are encouraged to get informed and stay active in reaching out to your Representatives and Senators during this legislative session. Bills of major concern at this point include the following:

- SB 160 - This is a Voucher Tax Credit bill sponsored by Senator Koenig.
- SB 292 - This is a Charter School Expansion bill sponsored by Senator Eigel.
- HB 478 - This is a Voucher Tax Credit bill sponsored by Representative Christofanelli.
- HB 581 - This is a Charter School Expansion bill sponsored by Representative Roeber.

There are a number of legitimate concerns with each of these bills. For detailed information on each of these bills, please access the Legislative Bulletins provided by the SAC group or contact me at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com) for more information!

**New Associate Members** - MARE is pleased to welcome Patron Insight and Entegrity Energy as our newest Associate Members. Check out their respective websites below to find out what services and products these Associate Members can provide for your school district. [patroninsight.com](http://patroninsight.com) - Rick Nobles is our contact. (913) 484-0920 [www.entegritypartners.com](http://www.entegritypartners.com) - Rick Vance is our contact. (800) 700-1414

## **School Board Training Dates** - MARE will provide trainings as follows:

### **Southeast Missouri - Holiday Inn - Poplar Bluff, Missouri (573-712-9021)**

- Friday, May 3, 2019 (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 4, 2019 (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

### **West Central Missouri - Comfort Inn - Warrensburg, Missouri (660-429-4848)**

- Friday, May 17, 2019 (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 18, 2019 (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

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

- Friday, May 31, 2019 (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 1, 2019 (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

### **Northeast Missouri - Milan C-2 School District - Milan, Missouri (660-265-4414)**

- Friday, May 31, 2019 (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 1, 2019 (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

### **Northeast Missouri - Palmyra R-I School District - Palmyra, Missouri (573-769-2066)**

- Friday, June 7, 2019 (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 8, 2019 (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 14, 2019 (4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 15, 2019 (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

### **Central Missouri - The Lodge of the Four Seasons - Lake Ozark, Missouri (573-365-3000)**

- Wednesday, October 23, 2019 (1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, October 24, 2019 (8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

\* In addition to those listed above, MARE may offer a few additional trainings around the state based on need once we get information back from our membership after the April elections!

To register, go online (<http://www.moare.com/>) and complete the electronic form found under Board Training or contact Kevin Sandlin at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

## **NREA Annual Essay Contest**

The annual NREA Foundation Essay Contest allows contestants to participate in three divisions: elementary, middle/junior high, and high school. Grades 3-8 may participate in a written essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. Grades 9-12 may participate in a video essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. The winner in the elementary division receives \$250. The runner-up will receive \$100. The winners in the middle/junior high and high school divisions receive \$400. The runner-ups receive a \$200 prize.

For more information on this opportunity, please access the link below:

[http://www.nrea.net/Awards\\_and\\_Programs](http://www.nrea.net/Awards_and_Programs)

**Legal Articles** – Check out the various legal articles posted on our website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com). Special thanks to our partners at EdCounsel, Mickes O’Toole, Guin Mundorf, and Tueth Keeney for providing these articles.

**MARE Associate Members** - If you are in need of products or services, please give one of our Associate Members a call. Please access this link for a complete listing of current Associates: [..\Associate Members\2018-2019 Associate Members.docx](#)

**9th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament** - Make plans now to participate in the 9th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament to be held at Osage National Golf Course on Tuesday, July 30, 2019! More information will be provided next Spring!

**MARE Board Elections** - MARE will be electing Regional Executive Board Members in Regions A, C, E, G and I this year. Additionally, one member from a MARE member school district’s Board of Education and a Higher Education representative will be selected. Board members will be announced at the May 6th Executive Board Meeting. Terms for newly elected or appointed members begin on July 1, 2019.

**Region A** Counties of: Bates, Vernon, Barton, Cedar, St. Clair, Benton, Hickory, Polk, and Dallas

**Region C** Counties of: Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Barry, Lawrence, Dade, Greene, Christian, Stone, Taney, and Webster

**Region E** Counties of: Dunklin, Pemiscot, New Madrid, Mississippi, Scott, Stoddard, Gape Girardeau, Bollinger, Madison, Wayne and Butler

**Region G** Counties of: Wright, Douglas, Ozark, Texas, Howell, Shannon, Oregon, Carter, and Ripley

**Region I** Counties of: Mercer, Grundy, Livingston, Carroll, Putnam, Sullivan, Linn, Chariton, Schuyler, Adair, Macon, Randolph, Howard and Boone

## **SRSA Grant Opportunity**

Dear Rural Educational Agency Contact,

The FY 2019 Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) grant application is now open in [Grants.gov](#). To access the application package, click this link: <https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?dpp=1&oppld=313089>. SRSA-eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) have until **April 26, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time** to submit an SRSA application.

Applicants must complete the following pre-application actions in order to complete and submit an FY 2019 SRSA application in [Grants.gov](#):

1. Check Column K on the [FY 2019 REAP Eligibility Spreadsheet](#) for your LEA's SRSA eligibility status. Only those LEAs listed as eligible on this spreadsheet can receive an FY 2019 SRSA grant award.
2. Make sure you accurately record your LEA's **NCES ID number** from Column A of the spreadsheet. You will need this number to successfully complete the SRSA application in [Grants.gov](#).
3. Make sure your LEA's **DUNS number** is active and registered in [SAM.gov](#).
4. Register in [Grants.gov](#) as an Organization Applicant.

5. Create a Workspace profile in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for your SRSA application.

### **FY 2019 SRSA Application Walk-Through Webinars**

The REAP Team will offer **SRSA APPLICATION WALK-THROUGH WEBINARS** again this year.

To register, click the hyperlink under any of the dates listed below for the webinar session you plan to attend:

**Thursday, March 6, 3-4:00 p.m. EST**

<https://educateevents1.webex.com/educateevents1/onstage/g.php?MTID=ead60df04133007260bc62d4487bdacfe>

**Tuesday, March 21, 3-4:00 p.m. EST**

<https://educateevents1.webex.com/educateevents1/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb8782fc8f5f4ec69aa9bea95f39450af>

**Tuesday, April 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m. EST**

<https://educateevents1.webex.com/educateevents1/onstage/g.php?MTID=e481002b22dafa6e3e19ebc51bfb18262>

Please send any questions regarding this email to [REAP@ed.gov](mailto:REAP@ed.gov).

**2019 Boys State Information** - The American Legion Boys State of Missouri is an eight-day hands on experience in the operation and fundamentals of government. Missouri Boys State draws together the best and brightest high school juniors to help lead them down the path of individual success and leadership through "doing," not just learning. 2019 Boys State will be held June 15th through June 22nd at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. For more information, check out the website at [www.moboystate.org](http://www.moboystate.org).

**MARE Scholarship Programs** — The Missouri Association of Rural Education sponsors two scholarship programs. The first program is open to any Missouri college junior or senior who is majoring in education. Application materials were sent to all Missouri colleges that have an education program in early December. The second program is open to seniors of MARE member school districts. Eligible students must be planning to pursue a degree in education. Information regarding this program was sent out to all High School Counselors this week. Please access the information below:

<..\Scholarship Folder\Guidelines & Application for College Scholarships.doc>

<..\Scholarship Folder\Guidelines & Application for Senior Scholarships.doc>

**2019 MARE/MO K-8 Conference** - The 2019 conference is set for Wednesday, October 23rd through Friday, October 25th at The Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Missouri. I encourage you to make plans now to attend and bring someone with you. If you have ideas or thoughts regarding our annual conference, please share those with me!

**Conference Dates for 2020 - October 21-23, 2020**

**Conference Dates for 2021 - October 20-22, 2021**

## **Brain Injury Association - Sports Concussion Workshops**

March 4, 2019      Kansas City Seminar - KC First Church of the Nazarene  
(Both of these events run 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.)

March 11, 2019      Columbia Refresher - MSHSAA Office  
(This event runs from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.)

To register for any of these events, please access the registration form found on our website.

### **Quote of the Week**

"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place."    Nora Roberts

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