



# MARE Focus

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FROM THE DESK OF MR. KEVIN SANDLIN, MARE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**Superintendent Search Program** - MARE has been retained to conduct the following Superintendent Searches:

**Superintendent Search – Silex R-I** – Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. Paul can be reached by phone at (573) 365-4703 or by email at [paulricker1@charter.net](mailto:paulricker1@charter.net). (03/11/2022)

**Superintendent Search – Valley R-VI** – Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. Mike can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or by email at [19mj46@charter.net](mailto:19mj46@charter.net). (04/05/2022)

**Possible additional announcement on the MARE website next week!**

**Closed Searches - Stanberry R-II, Pike Co. R-III, North Shelby, Orrick R-XI, Concordia R-II, Northeast Vernon Co. R-I, Newburg R-II, Norborne R-VIII, Northeast Randolph R-IV, Cole Co. R-I, Osage Co. R-II, Prairie Home R-V, Wellington-Napoleon R-IX, Fair Play R-II, Gallatin R-V, Bismarck R-V, Phelps Co. R-III & La Plata R-II.**

**Contact Your Legislators** – The legislators are on Spring Break next week, March 14-18<sup>th</sup>! Pieces of harmful legislation (HB 1814, HB 1552) have moved Chambers and many others remain on both calendars to be debated when members return to session. Please continue to reach out to your representatives and senators when you are called to action! We must not give up the fight for public education!

**MARE Welcomes New District Members** – MARE is pleased to welcome **Couch R-I** and **Silix R-I** as returning member school districts. With these additions, MARE now counts 397 of the public-school districts in Missouri as members. If you are unsure of your status or would like more information about the benefits of belonging to MARE, please reach out to me at (660) 747-8050 or [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

**MARE Scholarship Program Information** - We plan to present as many as twenty (20) \$1,000.00 scholarships this year alone! Information for this program is available below. This information was mailed to all Missouri colleges and universities that offer teacher education programs and certifications. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is Friday, April 1, 2022.

[2021-2022 MARE College Scholarship Guidelines & Application](#)

If you have any questions regarding this Scholarship Program, please contact Kevin Sandlin, Executive Director, at (660) 747-8050 or [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

**Missouri Boys State & Missouri Girls State** - Scheduled for June 11-18, 2022 at Lindenwood University in St. Charles. MARE will be sponsoring (paying sponsorship fees) two (2) candidates from MARE member schools across the state for each gathering in 2022!

## **Medicaid in the Schools Program – Webinar Opportunity!**

Earlier this week, you may have seen that President Biden declared his commitment to improving the Medicaid in Schools program to deliver more mental health services to children in schools. But what are Medicaid reimbursable services in schools? How does the Medicaid in schools program work? Join us on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to learn all about the program.

### **REGISTER HERE**

The Medicaid in Schools program operates unlike any other federal education or Medicaid program. This briefing, which is tailored to both healthcare and education advocates will explain:

- What services schools can/cannot be reimbursed for by Medicaid
- What opportunities exist for expanded Medicaid services in schools, particularly additional mental health services
- What schools do with the Medicaid reimbursement they receive
- Why school district participation in the program varies so greatly
- How this program plays a key role in advancing education and healthcare equity for children

Our presenters will include:

- Sasha Pudelski, Director of Advocacy, AASA
- Kelly Vaillancourt Strobach Ph.D., NCSP Director, Policy and Advocacy, National Association of School Psychologists
- Alex Mays, Senior National Program Director, Healthy Schools Campaign

Those who register will receive a recording of the presentation (even if they were unable to attend) and copies of any slides used by the presenters.

Please reach out with any questions.

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**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 will be posted and sent out soon! We plan to use the proceeds from this event, along with other donor support, to provide \$35,000 in scholarships!

**Did You Know?** – In 2018, 21.8% of Missouri public school districts had an enrollment of 1-200 students, 19.1% had an enrollment of 201-400 students, 21.8% had an enrollment of 401-800 students, 17.4% had an enrollment of 801-2,000 students, 14.5% had an enrollment of 2,001-6,000 students and only 5.4% had an enrollment of 6,001 or above students.

**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 Health Office Orientation on July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

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 19<sup>th</sup> and ending at 3:00 p.m. on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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](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.*

**For additional workshop information call the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services at (573) 522-2822 or email: [SHS@health.mo.gov](mailto:SHS@health.mo.gov)**

## **METC Conference Event – One Day – Three Ways to Be Involved**



The image is a promotional graphic for the METC 2022 Conference. At the top left is a green circular logo with a white power button symbol. To its right, the text 'metc 2022' is written in a large, white, lowercase font. Below this, 'CONFERENCE' is written in a smaller, spaced-out font. Further down, 'ST. LOUIS • WARRENSBURG' and 'MAR 31' are listed. The central text reads 'One Day. Two Locations. Three Great Speakers.' Below this are three circular portraits of speakers: Dr. Tim Bono, Jennifer Gonzalez, and Dr. Ty-Ron Douglas. Each name is written in a white box below their respective portrait. At the bottom, there are three icons: a power button for 'St. Louis', another power button for 'Warrensburg', and a laptop with a person icon for 'Virtual'. A black banner at the very bottom contains the text 'Visit METCedplus.org for more information or to register.'

**Choose how to connect:** the option of two in-person locations OR virtually!

**St. Louis**      **Warrensburg**      **Virtual**

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[METC Conference Session Descriptions](#)

## **Discovery Education Presents Equity Talks Webinar**

Discovery Education presents Equity Talks  
Equity in Rural Education  
Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
3:00PM – 4:00PM ET  
[Register Here](#)

Join us for Discovery Education Equity Talks, a live webinar series featuring the nation's top education leaders. Moderated by Dr. Luvelle Brown, superintendent of Ithaca City School District, these 45-minute segments focus on how school leaders are cultivating equity and excellence in education, with a focus on Equity in Rural Education.

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## Learning Blade Focus – How Are You Celebrating Pi Day?



### How are you celebrating Pi Day (March 14<sup>th</sup>)?

No matter how you slice it, STEM and Computer Science careers include the need for mathematical knowledge.

Try using Learning Blade's lesson "Building Your Own Drip Irrigation System" in our Fresh Food Mission which shows students how Pi might be utilized in real-world scenarios such as designing a drip irrigation system for circular beds.

Or check out the Transportation Mission lesson called "As The Crow Flies" that teaches the Pythagorean theorem to estimate the real distance of travel.

There are hundreds of math lessons in Learning Blade showing the connection of math to real-world problem-solving. 93% of teachers surveyed responded Learning Blade helps show students real-world connections to math standards.

Sign up for your free Learning Blade account at [www.LearningBlade.com/MO](http://www.LearningBlade.com/MO).

For more information email us at [info@learningblade.com](mailto:info@learningblade.com).

**Water Your Work - Building Your Own Drip Irrigation System**

### Creating an Equation Example Continued

In order to solve this you need to determine the volume of the circular bed and then multiply that quantity by the price of soil per unit.

Cost of Soil = Volume of Planting Bed \* Price of Soil

Using variables we can rewrite the formula:  
 $x = V * P$

Because we know the formula for the volume of a cylinder we can add this to the equation to get,  
 $x = (\pi r^2 h) * P$

Now we can use this equation every time we have this type of problem.

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**[NREA News](#)** - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Weekly Update - March 4, 2022](#), [NREA Weekly Update - March 11, 2022](#)

## **Quote of the Week**

"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it." - **Maya Angelou**

**MARE Board Training Opportunities** - MARE will provide Board Training in 2022 for newly elected or appointed BOE members according to the schedule noted below:

## **MARE Board Training Dates – 2022**

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

- Friday, May 20, 2022 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 21, 2022 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 10, 2022 - (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 11, 2022 - (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 10, 2022- (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 11, 2022 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

### **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 to register - 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.)

**\*\*\* Please share this information with any new Board member who has not completed the 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.

**In the next MARE Focus issue, look for information on some of our new Associate Members including Coryell Roofing, American Bus Sales, TeachUNITED, ACI Boland and others!**

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