



MARE Focus

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- American Fidelity Assurance Co.
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- EDPLUS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- GIRLS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

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

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. (04/05/2022)

Superintendent Search – Twin Rivers R-X – Mr. Darryl Pannier is the Search Consultant. Darryl can be reached by phone at (573) 803-9008 or by email at darrylpannier@yahoo.com. (04/15/2022)

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 and Silex R-I.

Contact Your Legislators – The legislators are back from break. Pieces of harmful legislation (for example HB 1814, HB 1552) have moved Chambers and many others remain on both calendars to be debated when members return to session. Please encourage your Board members, business leaders and community patrons to email or call their respective Senators & Representatives. We must not give up the fight for public education!

MARE Welcomes New District Members – MARE is pleased to welcome **Exeter R-VI & Silex R-I** as our newest member school districts. With these additions, MARE now counts 398 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.

MARE Scholarship Information – The deadline for the MARE/EdCounsel HS Senior Scholarship Program has passed. Letters will be sent to HS Senior applicants on March 22nd or 23rd. The deadline for the MARE College Junior/Senior Scholarship is this Friday, April 1st! Letters will be forthcoming for College Scholarship applicants in the next few weeks! A list of those selected to receive scholarships will be posted soon!

We hope to be able to present the HS Senior awards at various regional MASA meetings in April & May!

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!

Reignite & Reconnect Workshop – *Reignite your passion for teaching and reconnect to fellow incredible educators.* Leigh Ragsdale-Knoderer (Principal and Founder of Facebook group @Cheers2Teachers) is hosting a one-day workshop on Saturday, April 23rd at the Lincoln Street Event Center in Desloge, Missouri. For more information and to register for this opportunity, please click here www.Cheers2Teachers.com & www.eventbrite.com/e/257470048847

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 24th 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!

MARE Welcomes American Bus Sales as New Associate Member

MARE is pleased to welcome American Bus Sales as a new Associate Member. For more information on this company, please read below:

American Bus Sales has been a leader and innovator in the transportation industry since 2004. Our mission has always been to supply our customers with premium transportation products at realistic prices. We provide bus, shuttle, coach, and van sales, service, rental, leasing, and financing solutions, as well as delivery to the entire state of Missouri.

Call us toll free at 866-574-9970

Or

Visit us on the web at www.americanbussales.net

MARE Welcomes ACI Boland as New Associate Member

MARE is pleased to welcome ACI Boland Architects as our newest Associate Member. For more information on this company and the services that they provide, please see below:

Established in 1975, ACI Boland Architects is known for the remarkable journeys we make possible for our clients and that starts with understanding their vision in order to guide them toward the right solutions.

Throughout our history, education design has been a core pillar of our practice. We understand a variety of education spaces and revel in the challenges of each type.

Our Learn Studio is grounded in the belief that spaces that cultivate knowledge, experimentation, and exploration are critical. Our passion is responding to the uniqueness of each project and each student whose educational journey will be impacted by how we do our jobs.

With experts in topics ranging from flexible learning to safety and security to athletics, we specialize in spaces that support the intellectual, physical, and emotional development of all students.

For more information, click here - <https://www.aciboland.com/learn/>

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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!

Brain Injury Association Event

Brain Injury Association of Missouri Survivor and Family Education 2022 - Online 1 Week Away

Helpful information, practical suggestions, and support for life with brain injury.



Education & Support = Hope, Help, and Healing

There will be different educational sessions available on Saturday, March 26 and Saturday, April 2, 2022. You are encouraged to participate both days online.

Saturday, March 26 • Saturday, April 2

Participation is Free but Registration is Required

[Register Now!](#)

Saturday, March 26

9:45 am – 10:00 am	Welcome
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Mindful Movements and Meditation Interactive session of survivor-friendly movements and mindfulness for excersies, relaxation, and fun.
11:00 am – 11:45 am	Healthy You, Healthy Brain Learn how different habits, foods, and activities affect your brain, actions, and daily life.
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	Conclusion

Saturday, April 2

9:45 am – 10:00 am

10:00 am – 10:45 am

Welcome

Organization for Today

Learn tips on what you can do today to be prepared for tomorrow. This includes keeping a routine, organizing your surroundings, composing your thoughts, and more.

11:00 am – 11:45 am

Finding Your Voice

Learn ways to communicate your needs and wants at every stage of recovery. Use little steps to have a big impact for self-advocacy.

11:45 am – 12:00 pm

Conclusion

[Register for Seminar Now!](#)

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



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One Day. Two Locations. Three Great Speakers.

Dr. Tim Bono **Jennifer Gonzalez** **Dr. Ty-Ron Douglas**

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

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

Visit METCedplus.org for more information or to register.

[METC Conference Session Descriptions](#)

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.

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

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](#), [NREA Weekly Update - March 18, 2022](#)

Quote of the Week

"Don't judge me by my success. Judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again. - Nelson Mandela

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, or go online (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, eCare, LLC and others!

Discovery Education Presents Equity Talks Webinar

Discovery Education presents Equity Talks

Equity in Rural Education

Thursday, April 7th

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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