



MARE Focus

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Legislative Alert – SB 612 & HB 2247 – Public education proponents need to remain on the alert regarding SB 612 (Voucher tax credits) and HB 2247 (Charter School expansion). MARE, along with all other educational associations, is strongly opposed to both pieces of legislation for a number of reasons, chief of which is the fact that there is not money in the state budget for these programs. Please review recent Legislative Bulletins sent out by MASA for more specific information on this legislation. Superintendents, principals, teachers, Board members and concerned parents and district patrons are strongly encouraged to contact your local representatives and senator to encourage him/her to vote no on this legislation.

Welcome New Associate Member – MARE is pleased to announce that Apple Bus Company has joined the organization as a MARE Associate Member. Please check out their website at <http://www.applebuscompany.com/> for more information on this great company. If you have specific questions, reach out to Drew Tarwater at drew.tarwater@applebuscompany.com. Please join me in welcoming them to MARE!

MARE Superintendent Searches

Closed searches include Van Buren R-I, North Andrew R-VI, Canton R-V, Guadalupe Centers and Sturgeon R-V.

Other Vacancies

New Madrid County R-I - Job Openings for 2018-2019 - Elementary Principal, Elementary Teachers, English (8th grade) and Welding Instructor - contact Pam Riley at priley@newmadridco.k12.mo.us.

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 have been sent to all Missouri colleges that have a teacher education program. 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 has been sent out to all High School Counselors, For an application and more information, access the links for both scholarship programs listed on the introductory MARE Focus Cover Page.

Deadline to apply – HS Scholarship (3/9/2018), College Scholarship (3/23/2018)

MARE Superintendent Search Program – One of the services that our organization provides is the Superintendent Search Program. Over the last three years, MARE Search Consultants have completed twenty-seven searches from schools all over the state. If you are retiring or leaving your district, we would love the opportunity to help your Board select the next leader. More information on the program can be accessed on our website.

2018 MARE/MO K-8 Fall Conference – Next year's conference will be held Wednesday, October 17th (afternoon) through Friday, October 19th (11:00 a.m.) at The Lodge of Four Seasons. Please make plans now to attend and help us grow our annual conference! Kent Rader (The World's Cleanest Comedian and Speaker) has been booked as our Keynote Speaker!

Annual Election of Executive Board Members - MARE will be electing Regional Executive Board Members in Region B, D, F, H and J this year. Additionally, one member from a MARE member school district's Board of Education and a K-8 representative (appointed by the K-8 Board) will be selected this year. If you are interested in being considered, please check out the website for more information. Board members will be announced at the May 7th Executive Board Meeting. Terms for newly elected or appointed members begin on July 1, 2018.

Region B – Counties of - Gasconade, Franklin, Crawford, Washington, Iron, Reynolds, St. Francis, Ste. Genevieve, Jefferson, Perry and St. Louis

Region D – Counties of - Laclede, Camden, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski and Dent.

Region F – Counties of - Jackson, Cass, Lafayette, Johnson, Henry, Saline, Pettis, Cooper, Moniteau and Morgan.

Region H – Counties of - Scotland, Knox, Shelby, Monroe, Audrain, Callaway, Clark, Lewis, Marion, Ralls, Pike, Montgomery, Lincoln, Warren and St. Charles

Region J – Counties of - Atchinson, Holt, Nodaway, Andrew, Buchanan, Platte, Clay, Worth, DeKalb, Clinton, Ray, Caldwell, Daviess, Gentry and Harrison.

School Board Training Dates – Please let me know if you have Board members who will need training after the April elections. If I can secure ten or more members within a geographical area, I will set up a regional training. If your school district would be willing to serve as a host site for the training, please let me know that as well. Trainings will be scheduled as needed in May, June, July and at the Fall Conference October 17th through October 19th.

Legal Articles – *New articles have been added in the past few weeks! Please check this out at www.moare.com. Special thanks to our partners at EdCounsel, Mickes O'Toole, Guin Mundorf, and Tueth Keeney for providing these articles.*

2018 MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament – The annual tournament will be held on Tuesday, July 31st at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. Please mark your calendars now and plan to be involved in this event. All proceeds benefit the MARE Scholarship programs.

NREA 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, go to the NREA website at www.nrea.net.

Associate Membership List – The Missouri Association of Rural Education is very fortunate to have a number of very loyal and dedicated Associate Members who support our organization by providing discounted services, discounted products, support for our annual conference, support for our golf tournament and information and trainings around the state. Please access the complete list found on the introductory MARE Focus Cover Page.

Call for Presentations – MARE and MO K-8 are accepting presentation proposals for the joint conference which is scheduled for October 17-19, 2018 at The Lodge of Four Seasons. Please access our website at www.moare.com and download the form to submit. Contact me with any questions!

SRSA Application News



Dear Rural School Organization Contact,

We are writing to notify you that the FY 2018 Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) grant application period is scheduled to open *Tuesday, February 20, 2018, and close Friday, April 20, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. Washington, D.C. time*. The FY 2018 SRSA application will be available in Grants.gov once the application period opens on February 20.

The Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) team sent this notification to local education agencies (LEAs) and state education agencies this morning.

We will send a follow-up email to LEAs next week with a link to the updated eligibility spreadsheet and details about pre-application actions that SRSA-eligible LEAs should take to be prepared to start their FY 2018 SRSA grant applications on February 20.

If you have questions regarding this notification, please send them to REAP@ed.gov.

MARE & EducationPlus Partnership - Did you know that the Missouri Association of Rural Education and EducationPlus are partners in providing member school districts with everything from pencils to roofing through a Cooperative Purchasing

Program agreement? We are also partners with MASA and the Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City in this agreement. School districts benefit by purchasing items through the cooperative at competitive and discounted prices. MARE, MASA and the Cooperating School Districts benefit as well through the agreements that we have on file with EducationPlus. Vendors include some of the major school providers such as Riddell, Blick Art Materials, Nasco, CDW-G, Kyocera, Quill.com, School Speciality and a host of others. For more information on this great program, please contact Stephanie Everhart-Brown at (314) 692-1224 or severhartbrown@edplus.org. Check out the links below for more information!

Quote of the Week

“If someone is going down the wrong road, he doesn’t need motivation to speed him up. What he needs is education to turn him around.”

Jim Rohn

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