



MARE Focus

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ENDORSEMENTS

- American Fidelity Assurance Co.
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School Board Training Dates:

- Maryville, MO – May 19, 2017 and May 20, 2017 (8:00-4:00)*
 - Poplar Bluff, MO – June 2, 2017 and June 3, 2017 (8:00-4:00)*
 - Palmyra, MO – June 2, 2017 and June 3, 2017 (8:30-4:30)*
 - Unionville, MO – June 9, 2017 and June 10, 2017 (8:30-4:30)*
 - Bolivar, MO – June 16, 2017 and June 17, 2017 (8:00-4:00)*
 - Sedalia, MO – July 14, 2017 and July 15, 2017 (8:00-4:00)*
 - Lake Ozark, MO – October 18-20, 2017 (Conference)*
- Sign up today! Forms are available on the MARE website at www.moare.com.*

High School Seniors Scholarship Recipients – The recipients for this year are:

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| <i>Serena Duncan – Rich Hill R-IV</i> | <i>Hannah Heberlie – Farmington R-VII</i> |
| <i>Mollie Wibberg – Osage Co. R-II</i> | <i>Drayke Hair – Crocker R-II</i> |
| <i>Zachary Studdard – Rolla 31</i> | <i>Emily McRoberts – Jackson R-II</i> |
| <i>Thomas Landewee – Jackson R-II</i> | <i>Whitney Sandage – Bloomfield R-XIV</i> |
| <i>Rebecca Brendel – Kingsville R-I</i> | <i>Kelsea Brown – Knob Noster R-VIII</i> |
| <i>Graci Davis – Plato R-V</i> | <i>Kennedy Adams – Plato R-V</i> |
| <i>Beau Turgeon – Canton R-V</i> | <i>Katilyn Foreman – Community R-VI</i> |
| <i>Keelie O’Brien – Clark Co. R-I</i> | <i>Mandy Franklin – Silex R-I</i> |
| <i>Hailey Lawrence – Adair Co. R-II</i> | <i>Bailey Owens – N. Mercer Co. R-III</i> |
| <i>Connor Cotton – Trenton R-IX</i> | <i>Kennedy Childers – Putnam Co. R-I</i> |
| <i>Kelsi McQuinn – Jefferson C-123</i> | <i>Meredith Riley – Gallatin R-V</i> |
| <i>Mariah Huston – Gallatin R-V</i> | <i>Alan Ottman – South Holt Co. R-I</i> |
- Congratulations to all!*

College Scholarship Recipients – The recipients for this year are:

- Mia Pohlman – Truman State – Larry J. Hart Scholarship*
 - Stephanie Scheer – Central Methodist – Howard Heidbrink Scholarship*
 - Shaylynn Craig – UCM – William G. Peter Scholarship*
 - Blakeley Fuemmeler – Central Methodist – Philip C. Dorth Scholarship*
 - Destiny Reed – Truman State – Frank “Dean” Cone Scholarship*
 - McKenzi Schuster – UCM – David M. Cooper Scholarship*
 - Katheryn Crockett – Missouri Western – MEUHP Scholarship*
 - Seth Schenck – Columbia College – Forrest T. Jones Scholarship*
 - Jacob Koelling – UCM – CTS Group Scholarship*
 - Taylor Grisham – Missouri State – Mickes O’Toole, LLC Scholarship*
 - Calab Kauffman – Guin Mundorf, LLC Scholarship*
- Congratulations to all! Special thanks to our golf tournament sponsors and supporters!*

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MARE Mobile Application:

We at MARE understand the importance of staying connected with our community. We are very excited to announce we now have an App, which will provide easy access to the information you need.

Select the App available for you to download from Google Play and App Store



Legal Articles – We have created a section on our website to post legal articles that will be submitted by some of our law firm partners including Mickes O’Toole, EdCounsel, Guin Mundorf, Thomeczek & Brink and Tueth Keeney Cooper Mohan and Jackstadt. Please check this out on our website at www.moare.com.

Grandview R-II Virtual Summer School Program: – MARE has recently partnered with Grandview R-II to provide opportunities for Summer School classes and credits for districts that do not offer their own programs. For more information on this program access their website at <http://www.grandviewr2.com/virtual-summer-school-2086ff82>

MARE Membership – Membership invoices for 2017-2018 will be coming out soon! If you are not a MARE member but would like more information, please contact us by phone or email as listed below! Membership dues for K-12 districts are \$500.00, while dues for K-8 districts are \$400.00 annually!

Call for Presentations – The call for presentation proposals for the 2017 MARE/MO K-8 Conference is now posted on the MARE website. You may submit your proposal by mail, fax or electronically. Slots are filling up quickly!

Bus Leasing Program - Bus leasing is a great way to keep your fleet safe and up-to-date without incurring the huge investment to purchase buses on an annual basis. LJ Hart & Company will work with your district to secure competitive rates to lease buses. If you would like more information, please call the great folks there at (800) 264-4477!

Save the Dates:

2017 MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament – Tuesday, August 1st at Osage National Golf Course – 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Registration forms are available on the website!

2017 MARE/MO K-8 Conference – Wednesday, October 18th through Friday, October 20th at The Lodge of the Four Seasons. Sessions will be presented by Mickes O’Toole, EdCounsel, Tueth Keeney, Guin Mundorf, Roger Dorson, Margie Vandeven, Alan Schmitt, Tom Krause, Scott Kimble/Kay McMurtrey/Gary Burton, DESE Area Supervisors and many more. Registration forms are now available on our website!

Article of Interest – shared by Dr. Mike Jinks

Sharing a Superintendent – An Efficiency to Consider
By Jim Havelka, Consultant
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Superintendent Search Service

Faced with the prospect of replacing a superintendent, Boards of Education in small, rural schools often take a long, hard look at costs associated with administrative staffing. One option that some small Nebraska districts have adopted over the years is sharing a superintendent with another district.

While only four districts in the Cornhusker State currently share a superintendent, within the last decade as many as 14 have done so. The peak period was in the 1990's and early 2000's when the shaky agricultural economy and declining enrollments put pressure on rural Boards to seek cost savings.

From 1993 to 1999 I served as superintendent for both Howells Public Schools and Dodge Public Schools, two independent districts about seven miles apart in northeastern Nebraska. At the time Howells enrolled about 230 students and Dodge about 190. Both towns had Catholic elementary schools so public school enrollment was skewed toward Grades 7-12.

Prior to my tenure, Howells and Dodge had shared the Howells' Superintendent for about five years. Following my six years there, the districts continued to share for several more years. Subsequently, Howells partnered with another district and Dodge hired a part-time superintendent. The districts consolidated in 2012-13.

So, what are the pros and cons of a shared superintendency? Here are some of my perceptions:

To read the entire article, click on this link [SHARED SUPT ARTICLE \(2\).Temp1.doc](#)

Update: Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Has Application for 2017

BACKGROUND: The REAP program was reauthorized as Title V of the Every Student Succeeds Act. It is comprised of two grant programs, the Rural and Low Income Schools (RLIS) program and the SRSA program. School districts receiving REAP money are in fact receiving either RLIS or SRSA funding.

When it comes to these programs, RLIS is money that goes to the state. Details on how a district can receive RLIS funds will be provided by their state. The SRSA program flows directly from USED to school districts, and there is a critical change for FY

2017: Beginning in FY 2017, local education agencies (LEAs) will need to apply each year to receive SRSA grant funds. The FY17 SRSA application window will be open from May 1 thru June 30, 2017. Applications received after the deadline will be processed only to the extent that funds remain available.

1. Steps for Applying: Obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number (if your LEA does not already have one).
 - LEAs can obtain a DUNS number for free through the [Dun & Bradstreet Web-site](#). After submitting a request, you should receive a DUNS number within 1-2 business days.
2. If your LEA has a DUNS number, verify that the number is active in the System for Award Management (SAM).
 - **For additional information and to verify that your district's DUNS number is active and registered in SAM, please contact SAM's help desk toll-free at (866) 606-8220, (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time)**
3. Complete the SRSA application on [Grants.gov](#). Instructions will be included with the application on Grants.gov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- You can access the archived REAP webinars at the following URLs:
 - RLIS State Overview Webinar, <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/reaprlis/legislation.html>
 - SRSA LEA Overview Webinar, <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/legislation.html>
- **Upcoming Webinars:** To provide additional assistance, the REAP Team will begin hosting SRSA APPLICATION WALK-THROUGH WEB SEMINARS. During these seminars, a REAP program officer will walk participant LEAs through the SRSA Application while the LEAs complete the application in Grants.gov. The first walk-through web seminar for FY 2017 took place on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 2 p.m. Eastern Time. Additional walk-through web seminars every Tuesday and Wednesday, beginning Tuesday, May 16, 2017, until Wednesday, June 28, 2017. Tuesday web seminars will be held from 1-2 p.m. Eastern Time, and Wednesday seminars will take place from 4-5 p.m. Eastern Time. You MUST register in grants.gov prior to the webinar.
- To register for one of the dates listed below, click the corresponding hyperlink below. Participation is capped at 350 attendees per session, so be sure to register early!
 - Tuesday, May 16 [registration](#)
 - Wednesday, May 17 [registration](#)
 - Tuesday, May 23 [registration](#)
 - Wednesday, May 24 [registration](#)
 - Tuesday, May 30 [registration](#)
 - Wednesday, May 31 [registration](#)
 - Tuesday, June 6 [registration](#)
 - Tuesday, June 7 [registration](#)
 - Tuesday, June 13 [registration](#)
 - Tuesday, June 14 [registration](#)
 - Tuesday, June 20 [registration](#)
 - Tuesday, June 21 [registration](#)
 - Tuesday, June 27 [registration](#)
 - Tuesday, June 28 [registration](#)

Special “Thank You” & Recognition – A very special “shout out” to Scott Kimble, Mike Lodewegen and the rest of our lobbyist team members for all of their hard work this legislative session. We truly appreciate your efforts on behalf of our organization and Missouri public education.

Quote of the Week:

“Education...is painful, continual and difficult work to be done in kindness, by watching, by warning, by praise, but above all -- by example.” -- John Ruskin

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