



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 Search:

Superintendent Search – Miller Co. R-III – Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. Paul can be reached by phone at (573) 365-4703 or by email at paulricker1@charter.net. (05/13/2022)

Closed Searches/New Superintendents - Stanberry R-II (John Davison), Pike Co. R-III (Todd Smith), North Shelby (Tinna Croy), Orrick R-XI (Scott Guilkey), Concordia R-II (Theresa Christian), Northeast Vernon Co. R-I (Chris Holcomb), Newburg R-II (Eric Shaw), Norborne R-VIII (Jennifer Courtney), Northeast Randolph R-IV (David Samuel), Cole Co. R-I (Jeff Jennewein), Osage Co. R-II (Robert James), Prairie Home R-V (Jordan Hoecker), Wellington-Napoleon R-IX (Brad Briscoe), Fair Play R-II (David Geurin), Gallatin R-V (Justin Collins), Bismarck R-V (Michael Silvy), Phelps Co. R-III (Bobby Cottengim), La Plata R-II (John Wiggans), Silex R-I (Nicholas Heggemann), Valley R-VI (Jason Samples), Twin Rivers R-X (Robert Brown) & Eminence R-I (Eric Allen).

Please join me in welcoming these individuals to their new positions!

Membership Blurp – MARE membership has hit an all-time high of **400 member** school districts with the recent addition of Camdenton R-III. We greatly appreciate all of our member districts and we look forward to working with you! The organization is growing on several fronts. We hope to continue to add services, products and opportunities for our members in the near future! If you have questions about MARE and the benefits of belonging, please reach out to me at (660) 747-8050!

MARE Scholarship Information – We are pleased to announce the 2021-2022 MARE/EdCounsel HS Senior Scholarship Award Recipients:

Aubry Antle (Exeter R-VI), **Sophia Bolser** (Santa Fe R-X), **Grant Breece** (Gideon 37), **Gabriel Brimer** (Boonville R-I), **Abigail Brown** (Cole Camp R-I), **Ella Cobb** (Montgomery Co. R-II), **Cara Couch** (Plato R-V), **Bryce Eoff** (Montgomery Co. R-II), **Katie Gaines** (Westran R-I), **Kylie Gannon** (North Mercer R-III), **Maggie Graham** (Maryville R-II), **Amber Higgins** (St. James R-I), **Riley Huff** (Wellsville Middletown R-I), **Samuel Jones** (Puxico R-VIII), **Lacey Kellett** (Hollister R-V), **Jacob King** (Dadeville R-II), **Harleigh Lewis** (Brunswick R-II), **Molly Phillips** (Macks Creek R-V), **Emma Polston** (Montgomery Co. R-II), **Elizabeth Ray** (Cassville R-IV), **Kayle Rowden** (Miller Co. R-III), **McKinley Sanders** (Hartville R-II), **Amanda Scarbrough** (Fair Play R-II), **Rebekah Shaffer** (Laquey R-V), **Gracyn Stewart** (Adair Co. R-I), **Victoria Swank** (King City R-I), **Abby Sweezer** (Osage Co. R-II), **Morgan Taylor** (Northeast Randolph Co. R-IV), **Erin Threlkeld** (Shelby Co. R-IV) and **Debra Winrod** (Gainesville R-V)

**** Please join me in congratulating these future teachers!**

MSU – Rural Imperative Initiative – Input Requested

The College of Education at Missouri State University has recently become involved with a project with the Rural Schools Collaborative and the National Rural Education Association that is funded by the Gates Foundation. The name of the project is the Rural Imperative Initiative, and the primary goal of the initiative is to elevate the voices of teachers in rural schools. There are five organizations across the US convening rural teacher caucuses to gather teachers' input and ideas into policy recommendations for rural schools at the local, state, and national level.

Missouri State University has been meeting with a focus group of teachers to identify opportunities and challenges for rural teachers in our region, and we would like to hear voices from all across Missouri, as well as Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas. I would appreciate if you could share the survey link below with your organization's membership for distribution to rural teachers across the state. The purpose of this survey is to give rural teachers the opportunity to contribute to the focus of the policy recommendations that arise from this work. The survey includes an introduction that provides the context of this initiative.

Survey

Link: https://missouristate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2fOWbOUUHSleDDU

If you would like to talk with me about this important work, please feel free to reach out.

Best Regards,
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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!
Since 2007 MARE has sponsored 32 young men to attend Boys State and since 2020 MARE has sponsored 6 young women to attend Girls State!

MARE Scholarship Information – MARE 2022-2023 College Scholarship

Recipients are:

Grace Whitaker – University of Missouri	Gabriella Nagy – Truman St. Univ.
Cassidy Prater – Southwest Baptist University	Ellie Crede – Columbia College
Payton Hosiner – Missouri State University	Katelyn Lumley – Evangel University
Lisa Inlow – Missouri State University	Emily Byrne – University of Missouri
Paige Doogs – Central Methodist University	Calista Burns – Missouri State Univ.
Justyce Brooks – Missouri Valley College	Joshua French – Culver-Stockton Col.
Jacob Keller – Central Methodist University	Caleb Hatfield – MO. Southern State
Brianna Shaver – Missouri State University	Lydia Withers – Missouri State Univ.
Jalen Drake – Missouri State University	Ashley Ebeling – Missouri St. Univ.
Kyra Johnson – Hannibal-LaGrange University	Faith Harvey – Univ. of Central MO
Reese Dodson – Missouri State University	Amanda Mosher – Drury University
Kaitlynn Heussner – University of Central MO	Gerri Madison – MO Western State

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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 has been mailed and is posted on the MARE website at www.moare.com. We plan to use the proceeds from this event, along with other donor support, to provide \$35,000 in scholarships!

[12th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament Flyer](#)

[2022 MARE Golf Tournament Sponsorship Information](#)

[2022 MARE Golf Tournament Registration](#)

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 Conference "Call for Presentations" Proposal](#)

[2022 Conference Registration Form](#)

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[2022 Outstanding Rural Awards Nomination Form](#)

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 - April 22, 2022](#), [NREA Weekly Update - April 29, 2022](#)

Mickes O'Toole Legal Webinar Opportunity

Free Spotlight Series Webinar Disciplinary Documentation: Problems and Pitfalls

Disciplinary Documentation: Problems and Pitfalls - May, 13 2022 (9:00 am - 9:30 am) | [Learn More Here](#)

Join Anne Kerns for a free 30-minute seminar where she will discuss best practices for documenting employee discipline and common pitfalls and problems.

Presented by [Anne Kerns](#).

Please use the link below to register.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Elisa Moss at emoss@mickesotoole.com

Registration and More Info

DMH Trauma Informed Courses Available

Greetings! DMH recently launched Trauma Informed Care E-Learning Courses that are FREE and open to the public. There are three courses available: 30 minutes for Teens, 30 minutes for Adults, 60 minutes for Helping Professionals + Certificate of Completion. Additionally, people can watch our animated video, "Hurting Communities Can Become Healing Communities," Take the ACEs Quiz, Learn about Positive Childhood Experiences to strengthen families and communities. Please feel free to distribute widely and use alongside your work.

Take the [DMH Trauma Informed Care FREE E-Learning Course!](#)

Rachel Jones, LPC

Manager of Trauma Informed Care | Director, Disaster Response State Grant
DMH - Division of Behavioral Health | 573.751.9445 (O) 573.508.2818 (C)

Wellness Tip: Take some time to focus on the here-and-now (present) to stop the worry about then-and-when (past or future).

[Register for DMH CARES Virtual Wellness Webinar](#) Take the [DMH Trauma Informed Care FREE E-Learning Course!](#)

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.

Learning Blade Summer Programs



Address Learning Loss this Summer while Exploring STEM/CS/CTE Careers

Learning Blade can be used to address learning loss by providing summer programs with 400 online mini-lessons in math/science/English/social studies/technology lessons. The lessons reinforce core academic standards for grades 5-9 while exposing students to high-demand/high-wage STEM, Computer Science, and CTE career paths. Sign up for your FREE account provided by DESE at www.learningblade.com/MO

Twelve (12) Missions are available and each of them includes:

- **40 interdisciplinary online lessons** (10-15 mins each)
- **5 career videos**
- Lessons plans for hands-on **project-based learning** using ready-available materials.
- **Tracking system** to see student results

Consider also using the NEW resource "Introduction to Coding".

Book your summer PD or for more info email us at info@learningblade.com

Sincerely,

Josh and Sheila

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[Video](#) Intro of Learning Blade

Quote of the Week

"Every thought we think, every feeling we have, every word we speak goes out into the atmosphere to either heal or harm. Let us be healers. Let us be harmless." – John R. Price

Preparing New Teachers & Paras for 2022-2023

Create a plan to retain and support your new teachers and paraprofessionals.

More than ever, teacher turnover is a critical problem within schools and districts. Research shows younger teachers - especially those early in their careers - are most likely to leave the profession altogether. A plan to support new teachers and paraprofessionals needs to be at the forefront of every administrator conversation going into a new school year.

Join BetterLesson - and industry experts - to kickstart these conversations in a bite-size webinar series from May 3rd - 12th. Hear from speakers Michael McDowell, Trudy Arriaga and more about inspiring alignment with district goals, focusing on equity and curriculum, finding supportive resources and tools to build success in year one, and learning differentiated approaches to supporting educators throughout the school year.

We invite you to select specific sessions or register for all! We'll send a recording to all that register in case you cannot attend a session.

The Agenda:

- **May 10th: Re-imagining New Teacher Support with Self-Directed Learning** Daniel Guerrero shares actionable and accessible methods leaders can use to effectively support the growth of new educators without adding to educator overwhelm.
- **May 11th: Getting Your New Teachers Up to Speed with Curriculum** Jenna Keaney explores tested and connected strategies designed to support new teachers with the understanding and application of a new curriculum.
- **May 12th: Principalship: Supporting New and Experienced Principals With Differentiated Solutions** Stefani Morrow examines the key functions of effective Instructional Leadership and how to give access to Principalship.

[Save Your Seat](#)

Jerry, Ray and I along with the MARE Executive Board wish all of you the very best as you wrap up this year and plan for 2022-2023! We hope your year ends smoothly and calmly. Please find time this summer to unwind, relax and recharge for next year!

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