



MARE Focus

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MARE Administrative Search Services - MARE has been retained to conduct the following Administrative Searches:

Superintendent Search -Strasburg C-3 - Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or by email at 19mj46@charter.net.

Application deadline is Friday, November 8th! Information is posted on the MARE website at www.moare.com.

High School Principal Search - Canton R-V - Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (573) 365-4703 or by email at paulricker1@charter.net.

Application deadline is Wednesday, November 27th! Information is posted on the MARE website at www.moare.com.

Superintendent Search - Fulton 58 - Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (573) 365-4703 or by email at paulricker1@charter.net.

Application deadline is Wednesday, November 27th! Information is posted on the MARE website at www.moare.com.

Superintendent Search - Adair Co. R-II - Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or by email at 19mj46@charter.net.

Application deadline is Friday, November 29th! Information is posted on the MARE website at www.moare.com.

Other Vacancies Posted on the MARE website:

Superintendent of Schools - Bradleyville R-I - For more information contact, Scott Ewing, Superintendent, at (417) 796-2288 or Rhonda Cook at rcook@bradleyviller1.com.

Superintendent of Schools - Prairie Home R-V - For more information contact, Michelle Rex, Superintendent, at (660) 841-5296 or by email at rexm@prairiehome.k12.mo.us.

Superintendent of Schools - El Dorado Springs R-II - For more information contact Mark Koca, Superintendent, at (417) 876-3112 or by email at mkoca@eldok12.org.

MARE/MO K-8 Conference - The 2019 MARE/MO K-8 Conference was held October 23-25th at the beautiful Lodge of Four Seasons. From every indication, we had a great event. Special thanks to all of those who attended, presented and exhibited at our conference. An article with more information and some conference photos is posted on the MARE website at www.moare.com. Make plans now to join us for next year's event at the Lodge on October 21-23!

MARE Board Training Program Update - The new Board Refresher Training video links were emailed to all MARE member school district Superintendents last week. If you did not receive the email, please contact me. We are in the process of developing our schedule of Board Training events for 2020. This schedule will be posted not later than March 1, 2020!

*** It is possible that MARE may provide a few more Board Training opportunities after the conference but prior to the April elections. If you have Board members in need of training, please let me know!**

Outstanding Rural Education Awards - MARE will be presenting the following awards at the conference on Thursday, October 24th during the Awards Luncheon. Award recipients will be posted soon!

- Outstanding Rural Support Staff - Laura Orr, Kelso C-7
- Outstanding Rural Teacher Award - Kerry Eidson, High Point R-III
- Outstanding Rural Administrator Award - Angela Hanlin, New Madrid Co. R-I
- Outstanding Rural School District Award - Hickory Co. R-I

Please join me in congratulating these award recipients!.

Scholarship Program Information - Information on our two scholarship programs will be posted and sent out within the next month. Be sure to be watching for this important information!

News from NREA - The Rural Educator

Rural educators form Kentucky chapter of National Rural Education Association to promote collaboration by Ron Daley KyForward

<https://www.kyforward.com/rural-educators-form-kentucky-chapter-of-national-rural-education-association-to-promote-collaboration/>

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE "I AM A RURAL TEACHER" CAMPAIGN! Last week, [we launched our new project "I Am a Rural Teacher"](#). This **narrative-focused national media campaign** will feature ten diverse rural teacher voices. In these media pieces, we will highlight both the opportunities and challenges that passionate educators face in their positions. Additionally, we will place the teachers and schools in the context of their rural communities, to illustrate the critical role that rural schools play in their broader communities.

We will be featuring rural educators from the Ozarks, Midwest, Southwest, Southern Border, Appalachia, Northern California, Rocky Mountains, Upper Plains, New England, and Alabama's Black Belt.

I Am a Rural Teacher is a collaboration between the [Community Foundation of the Ozarks](#), Rural Schools Collaborative, [National Rural Education Association](#), [Alabama's Black Belt Teacher Corps](#), and [Missouri's Ozarks Teacher Corps](#). The project is funded by the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#).

The "I Am a Rural Teacher" Campaign is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. We want to thank them for providing a national platform for authentic rural teacher voices. Stay tuned! <http://ruralschoolscollaborative.org/stories/you-are-invited-to-join-the-i-am-a-rural-teacher-campaign>

Rural Teacher Fellowship Program:

Applications opened October 15th for [Stanford University's Hollyhock Fellowship Program](#), which is a **free and fully funded** fellowship for **high school teachers** with 2-7 years of experience who teach in schools where at least 50% of the students qualify for free and reduced lunch. Any teacher across America who meets the [eligibility requirements](#) can apply until January 15, 2020. In addition, school leaders of the teacher teams accepted will be invited to Stanford U. for a [Hollyhock School Leaders Institute](#) next summer. You can read about Hollyhock's impact and success [HERE](#) and why teachers you know should consider applying [HERE](#). Let us know if you would like more information. We would be happy to talk about why this professional learning experience celebrates teachers, develops their capacity to lead from the classroom, improves their instruction, and helps them to be more culturally sustaining. Join us for an [information webinar](#) on Thursday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. EST. The Hollyhock Project Team

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Statement from Secretary DeVos on 2019 NAEP Results

WASHINGTON—U.S Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos released the following statement on the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) results:

<https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/statement-secretary-devos-2019-naep-results>

<https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/>

"Revisiting Our Rural Roots: Supporting Students, Preparing Teachers, and Collaborating with Communities to Influence Excellence in Rural Education"

The Center for Rural Education was founded to encourage post-secondary goals for rural Tennessee students, support pre-service teaching candidates from rural areas, enhance the professional opportunities for rural teachers, and contribute to the profession with rural research. This inaugural conference is the next step in the journey to accomplish those goals. **Please join us on March 24, 2020**, as we explore the theme, Revisiting Our Rural Roots: Supporting Students, Preparing Teachers, and Collaborating with Communities to Influence Excellence in Rural Education." This one-day conference intends to foster collaboration as we pool ideas, share information, and provide tools and resources to support our rural counties.

- [Call for Presenters](#)
- [Call for Sponsors](#)
- [Call for Exhibitors](#)
- [Registration Link for Conference Attendees](#)

MET Executive Director Vacancy Announcement

The Missouri Educators' Trust (MET) is seeking candidates for the position of Executive Director. MET is an insurance consortium made up of Missouri public school districts, serving 14,000 insured members, operating budget in excess of \$60 million, with the management office located in Springfield, Missouri. Interested applicants should review the position announcement information and job description. A complete application file will include the following items:

1. Letter of Application;
2. Current Resume/Vita (Education, leadership experience, and relevant qualifications);
3. Letters of Reference (Include five (5) professional letters of reference);
4. Writing Prompts: (please limit to one page per response)
 - a. What do you feel are the necessary qualities of the MET Executive Director?
 - b. How have you actively promoted wellness within in your current organization?
 - c. In regard to the MET, what are the greatest "opportunities for improvement" that may be impacted by this position?
5. Other-Any other supporting documents that will enhance the application review process.

Interested candidates can find additional information in the attached position announcement.

[MET Job Posting](#)

Quote of the Week

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is a vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.

- Carl Jung

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