



# MARE Focus

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## MARE Superintendent Searches

**Hermitage R-IV School District** - Dr. Craig Eaton is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 492-0811 or by email at [craigdeaton87@gmail.com](mailto:craigdeaton87@gmail.com).  
**The search closes today, October 26th!**

## Other Vacancies

- We have the following additional vacancies posted on our site:

- Malden R-I School District - Superintendent of Schools for 2019-2020
- Richland R-IV School District - Superintendent of Schools for 2019-2020
- Doniphan R-I School District - Superintendent of Schools for 2019-2020

## Superintendent Search Services

- One of the services that MARE provides is a professional, yet affordable Superintendent or Building Administrator Search Service Program. Our team of Search Consultants includes Dr. Mike Jinks, Dr. Paul Ricker and Dr. Craig Eaton. If you are retiring or moving to another location, we would welcome the opportunity to put together a search proposal for your school district. More information regarding this program can be found on our website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com).

## 2018 MARE/MO K-8 Fall Conference

- The 2018 MARE/MO K-8 Conference was held last week at The Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Missouri. We had a very informative and enjoyable conference. Special thanks to all of those who attended and supported our conference. **Please make plans now to attend next year's conference which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd through Friday, October 25th at The Lodge of Four Seasons!** Please access the following links to find out who our Level Sponsors and Event Sponsors were.

[2018 MARE/MO K-8 Conference Level Sponsors](#)

[2018 MARE/MO K-8 Conference Event Sponsors](#)

## Outstanding Rural Education Awards

- The following awards were presented as part of the MARE/MO K-8 Conference on Thursday, October 18th during the luncheon:

- Outstanding Rural Teacher Award - Twyla Hicks, Hickory Co. R-I
- Outstanding Rural Administrator Award - John Siebeneck, Ballard R-II
- Outstanding Rural School District Award - Richland R-I
- Friend of Rural Education - Representative Lyle Rowland

Please join me in congratulating these folks!

**MARE Associate Directory - Coming Soon!** - One of the projects that we are working on is to create a MARE Associate Directory that will provide information for our member school districts. I am requesting that all of our Associate Members send me an email containing a paragraph that highlights your organization, including contact information, a link to your website and a picture and or logo to include. The directory will be organized by services or products provided.

**School Board Training Dates** - MARE will be offering additional Board Training events before the April elections. If you have Board members in need of training, please contact me soon so that I can set these events up.

To register, go online ([www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com)) and complete the electronic form found under Board Training or contact Kevin Sandlin at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

**Legal Articles** – Check out the various legal articles posted on our website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com). Special thanks to our partners at EdCounsel, Mickes O’Toole, Guin Mundorf, and Tueth Keeney for providing these articles.

**2018-2019 Missouri School Directories** - We are trying to deliver the new Missouri School Directories as we travel the state attending various MASA meetings. Please plan to attend the next meeting in your area to pick up your copy (ies) from us. Those that we cannot deliver in person will be mailed by the middle of December.

**MARE Associate Members** - If you are in need of products or services, please give one of our Associate Members a call. Please access this link for a complete listing of current [Associate Members](#).

**Coordinating School Health Conference** - The 26th Annual Coordinated School Health Conference is scheduled for November 29-December 1, 2018 at the Lodge of Four Seasons. Make plans now to attend! For more information on this event, please access the website: [www.healthykidsmo.org](http://www.healthykidsmo.org).

**New MARE Member School District** - Please join me in welcoming Cooper County R-IV School District as our newest MARE member School District. Cooper Co. R-IV is a K-12 district located in Cooper County. The district has a K-12 student population of 103, with a certified staff of 29. Dr. Kathryn Anderson serves as the Superintendent there.

### **Quote of the Week**

**"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it." Marian Wright Edelman**

**Save the Date** - Make plans now to participate in the 9th Annual MARE

Scholarship Golf Tournament to be held at Osage National Golf Course on Tuesday, July 30, 2019! More information will be provided next Spring!

**MARE Board Elections** - MARE will be electing Regional Executive Board Members in Regions A, C, E, G and I this year. Additionally, one member from a MARE member school district's Board of Education and a Higher Education representative will be selected. Board members will be announced at the May 6th Executive Board Meeting. Terms for newly elected or appointed members begin on July 1, 2019.

**Region A** Counties of: Bates, Vernon, Barton, Cedar, St. Clair, Benton, Hickory, Polk, and Dallas

**Region C** Counties of: Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Barry, Lawrence, Dade, Greene, Christian, Stone, Taney, and Webster

**Region E** Counties of: Dunklin, Pemiscot, New Madrid, Mississippi, Scott, Stoddard, Gape Girardeau, Bollinger, Madison, Wayne and Butler

**Region G** Counties of: Wright, Douglas, Ozark, Texas, Howell, Shannon, Oregon, Carter, and Ripley

**Region I** Counties of: Mercer, Grundy, Livingston, Carroll, Putnam, Sullivan, Linn, Chariton, Schuyler, Adair, Macon, Randolph, Howard and Boone

**eMINTS National Center Grant Opportunity** - If you are interested in learning more about eMINTS and the opportunity to participate in the latest grant, please check out the following items and links:

[eMINTS 2018 Seed Grant Abstract](#)

Here is more information about the grant: <https://sites.google.com/a/emints.org/seed-2018-grant-information/>.

Here is the form if they want more information about participating: <https://goo.gl/forms/OLS2JFUHQZAWSXJS2>

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**MARE Membership** – I often get asked what benefits does a district receive as part of MARE membership. I can assure you that the nominal membership dues pale in comparison to the benefits that members enjoy. Annual membership dues provide support for:

1. Free Legal Hotline Service – Representatives from EdCounsel, Guin Mundorf, Mickes O'Toole and Thomeczek and Brink provide answers to your questions on minor legal issues.
2. Collaborative Lobbying Efforts – MARE is a member of the School Administrators Coalition (SAC) that works collectively with many of the school organizations to lobby on behalf of Missouri public education.

3. National Advocacy – MARE is part of the National Rural Education Association and actively participates in advocacy in Washington on behalf of rural schools across the nation.
4. Superintendent Searches – MARE provides a very affordable and well structured search program for school districts in need of Superintendents and Building Administrators.
5. Annual Conference – MARE partners with MO K-8 to provide an annual fall Conference. Sessions planned focus on education matters important to rural and small schools.
6. Saves districts money with various Associate Member products and services including Lease Purchasing (L.J. Hart), Natural Gas Consortium (Pro-Energy Solutions), Cooperative Purchasing (Education Plus), Software Programs (Education Technology Partners), Record Scanning/Storage (IMS), Website Support (SOCS) and others.
7. Coordinates two scholarship programs that focus on providing money for students interested in pursuing education degrees. This year alone the programs provided \$25,500 dollars to thirty-six(36) students majoring in education.
8. Executive Board is made up of ten (10) practicing rural School Superintendents, two (2) at-large school Board members, one (1) K-8 representative, and one (1) Higher Education Representative.

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