



MARE Focus

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- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

Superintendent Search Program - MARE has been retained to conduct the following Superintendent Searches:

Superintendent Search - Stanberry R-II - Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. Paul can be reached by phone at (573) 365-4703 or by email at paulricker1@charter.net. **Application deadline is Friday, October 29th!**

Superintendent Search - Pike Co. R-III - Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. Mike can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or by email at 19mj46@charter.net. **Application deadline is Friday, October 29th!**

Superintendent Search - North Shelby - Mr. Darryl Pannier is the Search Consultant. Darryl can be reached by phone at (573) 803-9008 or by email at darrylpannier@yahoo.com. Deadline to apply will be in early December. **Application deadline is early December - TBD!**

Superintendent Search - Orrick R-XI - Dr. Jerry Cochran is the Search Consultant. Jerry can be reached by phone at (660) 668-3787 or by email at cochranj115@gmail.com. Closing date will likely be in early to mid-December.

Other Vacancies Posted

Pleasant Hill R-III - Deputy Superintendent for 2022-2023 - November 10th Deadline

Braymer C-4 - Superintendent for 2022-2023 - November 9th Deadline

Stay tuned for more vacancy postings soon!

MPAI Grant Opportunity - Deadline to Apply is November 3, 2021

Now more than ever, as we navigate a pandemic that has led to nationwide declines in college enrollment and increases in unemployment among young adults, it is critical to support our students to build a bridge from high school to upward career mobility. The Missouri Postsecondary Advising Initiative is an achievable, scalable solution.

About the Initiative The Missouri Postsecondary Advising Initiative grant is a three-year, statewide initiative designed to ensure all high school students, particularly those in rural communities, have an advisor exclusively focused on helping them achieve success following graduation. The initiative, which will award up to 135 grants over the course of three years, is supported by rootEd, a collaborative philanthropic effort that connects high school students in rural America with college and career opportunities. Please read on for more detailed information on this amazing grant opportunity!

Here is a [link](#) to the MPAI webpage.

This website includes:

- General information about the initiative and its supporting partners
- 2021-2022 application, timeline, and guidance for school districts
- A list of eligible school districts
- Additional resources, including a one-page summary document, a recording of this webinar, etc.
- Guidance to LEAs on eligible sources of funds to support the program

If you know eligible districts who would like to participate please have them:

- Join the Missouri Postsecondary Advising Initiative [Webinar](#) for more information on either October 14 at 1:00 p.m. or October 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
- Submit the MPAI application by November 3, 2021

[MPAI Summary](#)

MARE Welcomes New Associate Members - MARE is pleased to welcome **Veritas Architecture + Design, Tech Electronics, U.S. Mints, Wagner Portrait Group & Strong Glass Systems** as new Associate Members. More information on these Associate Members and the services that they provide will be posted soon to our website at www.moare.com.

MARE Welcomes New Member School Districts - MARE welcomes Skyline R-II, Wright City R-II, Chadwick R-I, South Nodaway Co. R-IV and Polo R-VII to our membership list. If you are not sure of your MARE member status or would like more information on becoming a MARE member school district, I would welcome the opportunity to visit with you.

eMINTS Project Opportunities

1. We are recruiting 5th grade teachers to participate in one of two projects. One involves problem-based learning and helping kids learn to effectively work in teams. The other project is to teach kids how to code by creating their own video games. They are both one year projects, and we give teachers and students free Chromebooks and provide teachers professional development.
2. We are also starting a project to help connect high school educators (teachers, administrators, counselors, etc.) from around the state to discuss and tackle some challenging issues districts are facing regarding student's social and emotional health.

If you have interest in either of these opportunities, please access the flyer links below:

[..\HighSchoolECHOFlyer102021.pdf](#)

[..\eDGE-PAL recruitment.pdf](#)

MARE/MO K-8 Conference Update - Special thanks to all of those who attended and supported the 2021 MARE/MO K-8 Conference on October 20-22, 2021! We had a great time "Learning & Growing Together." We had 223 attendees, 75 Exhibitor Booths (130 vendor representatives) and 58 presenters. Huge thanks to the following very generous level sponsors:

Platinum Level - EdCounsel, Veregy, Global Learning Accelerator, Mike Keith Insurance & OTC/RootEd

Gold Level - Claim Care, Forrest T. Jones, GRP Wegman, L.J. Hart & Company, MASA Medical Transport, Poettker Construction Company & Software Unlimited

Silver Level - CSD Retirement Trust, Excel Energy Group, Guin Mundorf, MET/Gallagher, Mickes O'Toole, Performance Services, Stifel, Superior Industrial Coatings, Trane U.S. Inc., Tueth Keeney & UMB Bank

Bronze Level - Boardworks, Erate Program LLC, Inter-State Studio, McKinstry, Midwest Transit Equipment, Opa! Food Management, Ozark School Benefits Association, Raymond James, Schneider Electric, ServPro, Slate XP (LearnSafe) & STEP Up Consulting

Jamestown C-1 School District (Board Member, Rick Whitson) was selected to receive the \$500.00 check sponsored by Veregy (Formerly CTS Group). Funds awarded are to be utilized by the district for student or staff needs!

Next year's conference is scheduled on October 19-21, 2022 at the Lodge of Four Seasons! Put this on your calendar now and be a part of this growing event!

Stay tuned to the website for photos from this year's event!

Outstanding Rural Education Awards Presented

Congratulations to the following individuals recognized during the Conference Awards Luncheon on October 21, 2021:

Outstanding Rural Support Staff - Teresa McKown - Missouri City #56

Outstanding Rural Teacher - Josh Bondy - Paris R-II

Outstanding Rural Administrator - Cathy Shoup - Willard Public Schools

Outstanding Rural School District - Spokane R-VII - Highlandville

MO K-8 Administrator of the Year - Andrea Hieronymus (Kingston 42)

MARE/MO K-8 Friend of Rural Education - Larry Hart (L.J. Hart & Company)

Mickes O'Toole Spotlight Webinar

Free Spotlight Series Webinar

Responding to Temporary Restraining Orders

Responding to Temporary Restraining Orders - November 5, 2021 (9:00 am - 9:30 am) | [Learn More Here](#)

At any moment, a business, school district, or individual may be served with a notice to appear in court in as little as 24 hours for a hearing on a Motion for Temporary Restraining Order. What is a Temporary Restraining Order and how should you respond if served? Join attorney Jasmine Y. McCormick for a free 30-minute discussion on responding to requests for emergency injunctive relief in Missouri courts.

Presented by [Jasmine McCormick](#).

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](#)

MARE Scholarship Program Information - Information will be posted on both of our scholarship programs soon! Check out the MARE website and the MARE Focus for details!

Missouri School Directories - Each MARE member school district will receive one free copy. If you pre-ordered extra copies through MARE, we will have those to deliver as well. If you are willing to deliver a copy to a neighboring district, please let us know!

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Update - September 24, 2021](#), [NREA Update - October 1, 2021](#), [NREA Update - October 15, 2021](#), [NREA Update - October 22, 2021](#)

MARE Board Training Opportunities - MARE will offer the required Board Training for newly elected or appointed Board members on the following dates and at the noted locations:

MARE Board Training Dates – 2021

Lake Ozark, MO - The Lodge of the Four Seasons (Deadline to register - November 19th!)

Friday, December 10, 2021 (12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, December 11, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

To register for these in-person training events, please access the form found on the MARE website or contact Kevin Sandlin at (660) 747-8050 or by email at ksandlin@moare.com.

Quote of the Week

"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand." *Woodrow Wilson*

Did You Know? - MARE currently lists 398 of the public school districts in Missouri as member school districts. Our largest district has over 10,900 students, while our smallest has 23 students. MARE works diligently to represent rural education at the state and federal level! If you would like to learn more about MARE, please contact Kevin Sandlin, Executive Director, at (660) 747-8050 or by email at ksandlin@moare.com.

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