



MARE Focus

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Superintendent Search Program – For the fourth consecutive year, MARE has completed more Superintendent Searches for Missouri public schools than any other agency that provides such in the state. We are proud of this fact and committed to providing a quality, yet affordable search process for your school district. If you plan to retire or leave your district next year, we would be honored to assist in finding your replacement. We appreciate all of those who have given us this opportunity in the past!

MARE has been retained to facilitate the following searches:

Putnam Co. R-I Superintendent Search – Dr. Jerry Cochran is the consultant. He can be reached at (660) 596-3184 or cochranj115@gmail.com. **Closes – 11/8/24**

Franklin Co. R-II Superintendent Search – Dr. Margret Anderson is the consultant. She can be reached at (816) 898-005 or mg2.anderson@gmail.com. **Closes – 11/8/24**

Northeast Nodaway Co. R-V Superintendent Search – Dr. Michael Jinks is the consultant. He can be reached at (660) 441-7473 or 19mj46@gmail.com. **Closes 11/1/24**

Posting soon – Maysville R-I, Osage Co. R-III, Lakeland R-III & more!

Check out the MARE website at www.moare.com for announcements and applications for each of these positions!

Other Member Vacancies – Calhoun R-VIII Superintendent Vacancy & Excelsior Springs Assistant Superintendent Vacancy – Go to these district sites for more information!

Welcome New Member Districts – MARE is pleased to welcome **Blue Eye R-V, Success R-VI, Lutie R-VI, Oak Hill R-I, Mt. Vernon R-V & Osborn R-O** as new or returning member districts for 2024-2025! Why not consider joining them as members!

Welcome New Associate Members – MARE is pleased to welcome the following organizations as New Associate Members (joined since January of 2024): Quality Network Solutions, Varsity Tutors, Air Answers, Inc., Community Foundation of the Ozarks, Nearpod, U-First Reconstruction, Lucas & Associates, LLC, Schooley Mitchell, Smith Paper & Janitor Supply, McKinstry Essention, LLC, Kansas City Audio Visual, Holland Construction Services, 4M Building Solutions, Daikin TMI, MO School Expertise, LLC, Stark Caverns, HR Advisors, LLC & Carroll Seating Company. Please consider these businesses when making decisions for your school district! We appreciate all 103 MARE Associates!

DESE – Social Studies Curriculum Information/Opportunities

- I know administrators have a lot of questions about the Missouri Holocaust mandate and how that is to be implemented so I wanted to share the [Holocaust Legislation Break-](#)

[down](#).

- Civics and Patriotism: There is a whole host of K-12 lessons created by Missouri social studies teachers around the theme of civics and patriotism and can be found on the DESE website [Social Studies | Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \(mo.gov\)](#) under Civics and Patriotism
- Unites States Senate Youth Program: [Social Studies | Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \(mo.gov\)](#) under Scholarships, Competitions, and Awards. Two students receive \$10,000 and a trip to DC.
- Missouri Museum Initiative: [Missouri Museum Initiative On A Map](#) Starting in November, teachers will have the opportunity to attend one of Missouri Museums and create mini-lessons. Teachers will receive \$250.00 and the cost of their sub will be covered. More information to come soon.

Dr. Rhett Oldham
Director of Social Studies Curriculum-DESE
573-751-0398 (w)

2024 MARE/MO K-8 Conference - October 16th-18th

Make plans now to join us for our annual fall conference on **October 16th-18th** at the beautiful Lodge of the Four Seasons. This event has grown tremendously over the past few years thanks to your support and your willingness to encourage others to attend. We hope to make our 2024 (Education is the Key!) the biggest and best yet! District leaders and vendors are encouraged to put this on your calendars now! We want the MARE/MO K-8 Conference to be your choice event for team building, leadership development and professional growth. We look forward to seeing all of you at the lake!

[2024 MARE/MO K-8 Conference Planner at a Glance](#)

[2024 Small Group Session Program Descriptions](#)

[2024 General Session Program Descriptions](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Conference Registration Form](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Exhibitor Registration Form 1](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Exhibitor Registration Form 2](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Outstanding Rural Education Awards Nomination Form](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Call for Presentations Form](#)

MARE/MO K-8 Room Reservation Link Below

Tip: Right-Click to copy URL

- **Group Direct Booking Link- No login/Attendee Code needed:**
Booking Engine 4.0

URL: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/17336?groupID=4296072>

Conference Theme – Education is the Key!

EdPlus Innovate Conference Information – Discounted Pricing

We have opened up [registration](#) for the innovate 2025 conference scheduled for February 23 - 25, 2025. This is our annual conference that highlights innovative practices throughout the region/state in the areas of leadership, instruction design, equity and technology. This year, attendees will have the choice of 1-day or 2-day registration, and all attendees can attend the Sunday evening Keynote Kick-off event.

We have a special September deal for EdPlus non-members that may be of interest to

your school districts. School districts can purchase 10 spots and save 15% on their registration. They can mix and match these spots for 1-day or 2-day registrations for their educators. They can contact Allie Quicke at aquicke@edplus.org before September 30 to secure their spots. Additional information about innovate can be accessed on our website at edplus.org.

Attached are a graphic and flyer about this special that you can utilize to share with your members.

We look forward to announcing our keynote speakers in the coming weeks and I will send you that information when it is announced.

Thank you for helping us spread the word about #innovate25! Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Join MoASBO's School Business Operations Academy

They Didn't Teach Me This in College

Do you feel as if you're always drinking from a water hose?? You've probably figured out there was a lot about running a school district that wasn't covered in your college classes.

MoASBO's **School Business Operations Academy** is designed to provide educational leaders with the tools and resources needed to effectively manage the financial and operational aspects of their school districts. Through a series of workshops, webinars, and networking opportunities, participants will:

- Learn proven techniques from veteran practitioners
- Gain ideas to create efficiencies and reduce costs
- Exchange challenges and solutions with your peers
- Build a network of contacts across the state

The academy will cover a range of topics, including:

- budgeting and financial management,
- procurement and contracts,
- facilities and maintenance,
- transportation and food service

- technology

Participants will also have the opportunity to engage with experts in the field, share best practices with their peers, and develop a personalized action plan for implementing new strategies in their own districts.

If you are interested in learning more or enrolling in the academy, please do not hesitate to contact MoASBO's professional development coordinator, Kim Mulvaney, at kmulvaney@moasbo.org.

Quote of the Week

“Education must not simply teach work; it must teach life.”
 –[W.E.B. Du Bois](#) (American sociologist)

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please access these links: [NREA Weekly Update - August 30, 2024](#), [NREA Weekly Update - September 6, 2024](#), [NREA Weekly Update - September 13, 2024](#), [NREA Weekly Update - September 20, 2024](#)

MOCAAT – What Can You Do For Me?

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MARE Board Training Opportunities - MARE will provide Board Training in 2024 for newly elected or appointed BOE members according to this schedule:

Lake Ozark, MO – The Lodge of the Four Seasons (Conference)

- **Wednesday, October 16, 2024 (11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)**
- **Thursday, October 17, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

Lake Ozark, MO - The Lodge of the Four Seasons

- **Friday, December 6, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)**
- **Saturday, December 7, 2024 (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! MARE is an approved Board Training provider!

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.

Articles of Interest – I am hoping to start including some articles in the MARE Focus provided by some of our member districts. If you have something to share, brag about, pontificate on or such, please consider sharing this with me so that it can be considered for a future MARE Focus. Please send the information via email, preferably in Word format with embedded links, photos, etc. Thanks for all you do for Missouri students!

Continue to Make a Difference Each Day!

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