



MARE Focus

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- American Fidelity Assurance Co.
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- EDPLUS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- GIRLS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

Superintendent Search Program - MARE has been retained to assist with the following Superintendent Search:

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

Be on the lookout for additional postings on the MARE website and in the next MARE Focus!

Additional Vacancy

Superintendent/Elem. Principal Vacancy - Wheeler Central Public Schools in Bartlett, Nebraska - Contact Jim Havelka at (402) 620-1705 or jhavelka@gpcom.net. Deadline is September 29th!

MARE/MO K-8 Fall Conference - Make plans now to join us for the 2021 MARE/MO K-8 Conference which will be held Wednesday, October 20th through Friday, October 22nd at the Lodge of Four Seasons. Help us reach our goal of 200 attendees! Information is posted on the MARE website at www.moare.com!

- [2021 Conference Registration Form](#)
- [2021 MARE/MO K-8 "Conference Planner at a Glance"](#)
- [Exhibitor & Sponsor Information - Page 1](#)
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- [2021 Outstanding Rural Awards Nomination Form](#)

Board Refresher Training Video - A link to the new video for Mandatory Board Refresher Training was emailed to all paid or committed via purchase order MARE member school districts on Monday, September 6th. If you did not receive the video and have questions, please reach out to me at (660) 747-8050. Special thanks to our partners at EdCounsel, LLC for producing this video for us!

MARE Welcomes Veritas Architecture + Design as Associate Member

MARE is pleased to welcome Veritas Architecture + Design as our newest Associate Member. For more information, please read on:

Creating Spaces for Community

If you want an architect who recognizes the important role your school district plays in your community, hire us. At Veritas we understand that life happens in your school buildings. Not just teaching and learning, but growing a strong foundation of community.

As the steward of your community, it's not even your money. You realize it's more than that. It's the money that your peers, neighbors and family have entrusted to you to use wisely to benefit their children. What an incredible responsibility. What to cut, what to keep, what to change? What will provide the absolute best education for our students in your district for your community?

Future generations will be reaping what is sown within this generation of students. The spaces in which your students learn matter. The right spaces foster learning, provides a better environment for teachers, and other goals that are specific to your District. These goals are what drive our efforts. We're here to support your community and your goals.

At Veritas we specialize in rural districts. We love the challenge of weaving design with the needs of the overall community while serving an educational purpose.

As architects, we have the depth and breadth of knowledge in many facets of the building process that individual contractors may not. We see the big picture and are able to manage the process of projects big or small by leveraging relationships we have with our most trusted construction partners.

We keep our egos well in check and don't aim only for the glamorous and hi-profile projects. We want to be in the trenches with you as you navigate some of the basic aspects of maintaining your rural educational facilities. Veritas strives to be a long-term partner within the communities we serve – we hope you'll think of us as an extension of your trusted team.

<https://www.veritas-ad.com/educational>

MARE Welcomes Apptegy as a Returning Associate Member

MARE is pleased to welcome Apptegy back as an Associate Member. For more information on Apptegy and the services that they provide please read on:

Apptegy builds products that empower school leaders to run better schools. We make it easy for administrators and educators to reach parents, students, staff, and your community at large. With our tools you can communicate better and change how your public thinks and feels about your schools.



For more information, contact Seth Mayes seth.mayes@apptegy.com

Website: <https://www.apptegy.com/>

MARE Welcomes UMB Bank as a New Associate Member

MARE is pleased to welcome the team at UMB Bank as a new Associate Member. For more information on who they are and what they can provide to help your school district, please read on:

UMB Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: UMBF) is a financial services company headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. UMB offers commercial banking, which includes comprehensive deposit, lending and investment services, and commercial card. personal banking, which includes wealth management and financial planning services, and institutional banking, which includes asset servicing, corporate trust solutions, investment banking, and healthcare services. UMB operates branches throughout Missouri, Illinois, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Arizona and Texas, and serves business and institutional clients nationwide. For more information, visit UMB.com, [UMB Blog](#), [UMB Facebook](#) and [UMB LinkedIn](#), or follow us on Twitter at @UMBBank.

For information about UMB's operations, approach and relief measures during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit umb.com/COVID-19.

DESE Missouri Career Pathways Events

On October 1st, the Missouri Chamber of Commerce is presenting a virtual Manufacturing Day. Classrooms can zoom live with manufacturers across the state to learn more about the jobs and skills required. I realize that the live event may not fit into the schedule for teachers. My suggestion is to register the number of students you think will watch segments and then use the recorded version (usually available about a week after the event) when it best fits the curriculum. I have attached the agenda which includes the registration link (free for schools), information sheet on the event, and an activity guide on manufacturing.

The second opportunity is applying for a 5th grade coding program grant being offered by eMINTS. This grant is designed for rural districts with 40% or higher F/R lunch status. The attached flyers will explain basics about the grant and how to apply; the grant begins with the 2022 school year. The grant has been aligned with 5th grade math standards and employs game design to capture the interest of students.

Please forward this information to your member school districts; I appreciate your help. If you have questions, please contact me.

Best regards,
Roberta Carson

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Mickes O'Toole Spotlight Series Webinar

Free Spotlight Series Webinar

Parental Recording of IEP Team & Section 504 Meetings

A previous version of this email was sent out saying the Spotlight Series would include Sunshine Law, but that was in error. The Spotlight Series on September 24 will cover only the below topic. Sorry for any confusion.

Parental Recording of IEP Team & Section 504 Meetings - September 24, 2021 (9:00 am - 9:30 am) | [Learn More Here](#)

Requests to record IEP meetings? Join Katie Forster and Pat Brazill for a 30 minute discussion on the recent changes to Missouri law that now permits parents to audio record meetings held pursuant to IDEA and Section 504.

Presented by [Katie Forster](#) & [Pat Brazill](#).

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](#)

MCE Policy Updates - Now Available!

The August 2021 updates are currently available on the MCE website located at www.moconed.com. For your convenience, access to the updates is located on the homepage under the "Updates" section on the left hand side of the page. Simply select "View All Updates" to view or download current and past updates.

If you have any questions concerning these revisions or their implementation, please feel free to call Tom Mickes or Bill Ray.

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Recently, an update was released for Policy 0320 – School Board Elections that reflected the age requirement to file for the Board was lowered from twenty-four (24) to twenty-one (21) years of age. This change was legislatively vetoed. MCE apologizes for the oversight and the corrected Policy is available on the website.

Thomas Mickes

Missouri Consultants for Education, LLC

Defined Learning Webinar Opportunity



FREE WEBINAR

**Supporting Authentic Learning with
Jay McTighe & Carol Ann Tomlinson
October 14th | 2 - 3 PM ET**



Differentiated instruction and authentic performance tasks help students learn with a deeper understanding and lead to greater learning outcomes. While the benefits are clear, how to implement this in virtual and in-person learning environments can present challenges for educators.

In this [complimentary webinar](#) on Thursday, October 14th, Carol Ann Tomlinson and Jay McTighe will explain how Differentiated Instruction and the Understanding by Design® curriculum framework support the use of authentic performance tasks and Project-Based Learning (PBL). You'll also explore:

- Definitions of differentiation and authentic learning, along with common misconceptions
- Tips for uncovering new opportunities to differentiate through PBL
- Assessment practices that make learning more meaningful and more purposeful

Can't attend on Thursday, October 14th? Register now and we'll email you a copy of the webinar recording.

[Register Now](#)

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Weekly Update - September 10, 2021](#), [NREA Weekly Update - September 17, 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 (Conference) - Closed!

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Thursday, October 21, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**** Closed due to space limitations!**

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

"It only takes a moment to reach out to be a friend, but to the one who needs you, the memory never ends." (Taken from the Caretaker's Creed)

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