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Administrator Openings: The following list of openings are listed on the MARE website including contact information.

[MARE Home Page \(moare.com\)](http://moare.com)>>>>[Services](#)>>>>[Vacancies or Listings](#)
[ALSO links on front page of the MARE Website Home Page](#)

School District	Position	Application Deadline
St. Joseph School District	Dir. of Special Services	Open Until Filled
Midway R-I	K-12 Vocal Music Instructor	Open Until Filled
Macon Co. R-I	Area Vocational School Dir.	Open Until Filled
Junction Hill C-12	Superintendent	Open Until Filled
North Shelby	7-12 Principal	Open Until Filled
Eldon R-I	Superintendent	April 25, 2008
Union R-XI	Middle School Prin. (Gr. 7-8)	Open Until Filled

MARE will post your administrator openings on the website and in the MARE Focus at not cost. Just give us a call at (660) 747-8050 or email:
rpatrick@moare.com
[Click for link to form](#)

If the school district is conducting the search for the open position, MARE has available labels (\$10.00) with Missouri School District addresses. We also can provide a set of sample interview questions (no cost) upon request

Interlocal Purchasing Program (TIPS)

The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) is sponsored by the Region VIII Education Service Center located in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. **This program is being marketed in Missouri School Districts by the Missouri Association of Rural Education.** About 80 Missouri districts are part of this purchasing program for your purchase of products/services. If you have not become a member, it is very easy to do. Please contact the MARE office for additional details. As your district **begins the process of placing orders for the next school year**, please keep this program in mind. Some of the vendors doing business with TIPS includes: BIZ Supplies, Carolina Biological, Carrier Corp, Highsmith, **KLC Video Security**, MICO Industrial Corp, New System Carpet and Custodial Supplies (MO Company), Ramtech Buildings, SKC Communication, Xerox Corporation and **VIRCO, Inc** to name a few. Purchases made through any of the TIPS Vendors not only saves you money but also supports the services of MARE. This provides an excellent opportunity to help in construction programs your district may be getting ready to start. If you have questions about any of the other vendors, please contact MARE's Executive Director) **Each week in the MARE Focus, one or more of the participating vendors will be highlighted.** To look at other awarded vendors in the TIPS program go to the TIPS website: www.tips-usa.com.

KLC Video Security:

KLC Video Security, a division of KLC Custom Electronics, LLC provides network-accessible digital video surveillance equipment and services to residential, business, and institutional customers. Their product line includes digital video recorders (DVRs) which are designed and assembled to directly address the specific needs of the customer. A full product line of camera equipment is used to compliment the DVR and to provide the most appropriate coverage of the customer's premises. When fully operational, the system allows the customer to monitor activities on their premises and to protect the persons and property associated with their operations.

During the current school year, KLC has installed surveillance systems in two Missouri School Districts. They are Adair Co. R-II at Brashear and Butler R-V in Bates County.

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Wanting to Purchase:

Lisa Brooke with the Braymer C-4 School District is looking to purchase an

Electric Kiln. Lisa may be reached at (660) 645-2284 or lisabr2@yahoo.com.

Legislative Alert:

The Missouri Legislative session will be ending in just a few weeks. There are still several bills that need your attention. Of particular interest is HCS HB 2040 and 2430 -- Teacher Salary Bill. Several provisions were added to this bill that went beyond salary increases for teachers. One new provision of particular interest to the MARE association, is the attempt for the Joint Committee on Education to annually grant approval of the expenditure of professional development funds. MARE receives funding each year through this program to provide school board training, at several sites around the state. These professional development funds are also used to operate the Regional Professional Development Centers as well as many other support groups.

Please refer to the April 11, SAC Legislative Bulletin for a list of bills that need to be tracked now on a daily basis. You are encouraged to continue to contact your legislator to discuss concerns of many of the bills provisions.

Annual Election of Executive Board Members:

Below is listed the official announcement of the annual election of Executive Board Members to represent particular regions of the state.

No nominations have been received, to date, for Regions **B**, **G**, **H** and the at large board of education position. Nominations are still being taken for all the other open regions even though nominations have been received.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Missouri Association of Rural Education Executive Board Members shall serve two-year terms and are eligible for re-election. Elections or appointments shall be scheduled by the executive board with new executive board members taking office effective July 1, which is the beginning of the new fiscal year, and seated at the summer board meeting.

Members to be elected in even numbered years (**2008**) are:

Five (5) members, one from each of the determined regions of the state: B, D, F, H, and J

One (1) member from region "G" to complete one-year un-expired term (due to resignation).

One (1) member from the board of education whose school is a member of MARE. (One position for a one-year un-expired term.)

REGIONAL OFFICERS

Interested Candidates may file, in writing, with the Executive Directors office, or rpatrick@moare.com. All Regional Candidates' names will be listed on a ballot in the order received and mailed to the member schools in the counties making up that particular region. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected to a two-year term.

Mr. Yancy Poorman of the North St. Francois Co. R-I School District is completing two-year term in **Region "B"**.

Mrs. Geanine Bloch of the Stoutland R-II School District is completing two-year term in **Region "D"**.

Mrs. Joan Twidwell of the La Monte R-IV School District is completing a two-year term in **Region "F"**.

Mr. Larry Flanagan of the Elsberry R-II School District is completing a two-year term in **Region “H”**.
Dr. Francis Moran of the North Platte Co. R-I School District is completing a two-year term in **Region “J”**.

All are eligible for re-election with the exception of Region D and Region J representatives who will be retiring at the end of the current school year.

Candidates are being accepted to complete a one-year un-expired term representing Region “G”.

OTHER OFFICERS

Interested Candidates may file, in writing, with the Executive Directors office, or rpatrick@moare.com. The ten board members representing the ten determined regions of the state will then meet as a selection committee and select a member for each position from the list of declared candidates.

Candidates are being accepted to complete a one-year un-expired term representing a board of education member (at large) on the executive board.

The MARE Executive Director has set the deadline for Interested Candidates to file for office on the MARE Board of Directors for **Friday, May 2, 2008, 12:00 noon.**

Representative Regions by Counties

Region B: Counties of – Gasconade, Franklin, Crawford, Washington, Iron, Reynolds, St. Francis, Ste Genevieve, Jefferson, St. Louis

Region D: Counties of – Laclede, Camden, Miller, Cole, Osage, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski, Dent.

Region F: Counties of – Jackson, Cass, Lafayette, Johnson, Henry, Saline, Pettis, Cooper, Moniteau, Morgan.

Region G: Counties of – Wright, Douglas, Ozark, Texas, Howell, Shannon, Oregon, Carter, Ripley.

Region H: Counties of – Scotland, Knox, Shelby, Monroe, Audrian, Callaway, Clark, Lewis, Marion, Ralls, Pike, Montgomery, Lincoln, Warren, St. Charles.

Region J: Counties of – Atchison, Holt, Nodaway, Andrew, Buchanan, Platte, Clay, Worth, Gentry, DeKalb, Clinton, Ray, Caldwell, Daviess, Harrison

MARE Board Training Schedule:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Date(s)</i>	<i>Time(s)</i>
Chateau on the Lake Resort Annual K-8 Conference 415 North State Hwy 265 Branson, Missouri 65616	April 16, 2008 April 17 April 18	6:00 – 10:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – Noon
North Shelby School Ds. (Shelby County) 3071 Hwy 15 Shelbyville, MO 63469	April 23, 2008 April 30 May 7 May 14	6:00 -- 10:00 p.m. 6:00 -- 10:00 p.m. 6:00 -- 10:00 p.m. 6:00 -- 10:00 p.m.
Princeton School District (Mercer County) 1008 E. Coleman Princeton, MO 64673	May 28, 2008 June 4 June 11 June 18	6:00 -- 10:00 p.m. 6:00 -- 10:00 p.m. 6:00 -- 10:00 p.m. 6:00 -- 10:00 p.m.
Miller R-II (Lawrence Co.) 110 W. 6th Street Miller, MO 65707	June 5, 2008 June 6 June 7	6:00 – 10:00 p.m. 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cabool R-IV (Texas Co.) 1025 Rogers Street Cabool, MO 65689	June 12, 2008 June 13 June 14	6:00 – 10:00 p.m. 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Dexter R-XI (Stoddard Co.) 1031 Brown Pilot Lane Dexter, MO 63841	June 19, 2008 June 20 June 21	6:00 – 10:00 p.m. 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Leeton R-X (Johnson Co.) 500 N. Main Leeton, MO 64761	June 26, 2008 June 27 June 28	6:00 – 10:00 p.m. 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Inn at Grand Glaize (MARE Summer Board Session) Hwy 54 at Lake Road 40 Osage Beach, MO 65065	August 1, 2008 August 2	8:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.
Resort at Port Arrowhead MARE Annual Conference 3080 Bagnell Dam Blvd. Lake Ozark, MO 65049	March 13, 2009 March 14	8:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m.

Additional dates and locations will be added for the fall of 2008 following grant approval.

Registration for any of these locations may be completed by going to the MARE website: www.moare.com

If your school district is interested in being a host site for board training, please contact Dr. Ray Patrick at (660) 747-8050 or email: rpatrik@moare.com

(Reminder) Certificates are issued following completion of 16 hours of board training.
Video instruction for certification, no longer an option.

Scholarship Applications Available:

- Applications are now being taken for the Rural Missouri Scholarship provided by the Missouri Association of Rural Education. Only junior and senior-level college students qualify as scholarship recipients. Copies of the information and application have been sent to the teacher education departments in all Missouri colleges/universities. The goal of this scholarship is:
 - Attracting quality teachers to rural school districts
 - Improving the economic development of rural communities by upgrading the education system to provide well-educated, skilled work force
 - Attract intelligent, energetic individuals to furnish leadership skills in rural communities. **(Deadline: April 23, 2008)**

The application may also be downloaded from the MARE website or by contacting the MARE office.

- The Jack J. Isgur Foundation (1st time applicants and prior year applicants) scholarship is now available. This foundation provides funds for college students majoring in education at four-year colleges. The foundation provides funds to students who have indicated a desire to teach in the humanities (e.g., literature, dance, fine arts, music, art or poetry) at the elementary and middle school levels. The Foundation prefers to provide

funds to students entering their junior (or subsequent) year of college, who are interested in teaching within the State of Missouri in rural rather than metropolitan districts. (Please contact the MARE office if would like to receive a copy(s) of the application.) **(Deadline: April 15, 2008)**

The Rural School and Community Trust invitation to join the Rural School Innovation Network (RSIN):

This new initiative is a mutual-aid network for sharing innovations that improve rural education, especially in the poorest rural communities in the United States. As an alliance of rural education and community advocates, the RSIN will collectively work to connect schools with their communities to improve the outcomes for school-aged children and young adults.

You are invited to participate in a free webinar on Tuesday, April 29 at 1 p.m. EDT. The presentation is titled: *Engaging Students and Revitalizing Communities through Place-based Learning (PBL)*. The panelists will share strategies and successful examples for engaging disenfranchised students through PBL and hear how your community can institute changes for revitalization activities. TO RSVP for the free webinar, send an email to info@ruraledu.org with your name and contact information, including your email address by Friday, April 25.

Grant Opportunities:

National Storytelling Network Invites Applications for Applied Storytelling Award

Deadline: May 2, 2008 (Preliminary proposals)

The National Storytelling Network (<http://www.storynet.org/>) invites applications for the fifth annual Brimstone Award for Applied Storytelling. The award focuses on the transformational properties of story- telling and aims to increase understanding of the ways story- telling can promote change in individuals and communities. <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15012260/storytelling>

Grant Money Available for Girls' Sports Programs

Deadline: May 9, 2008

The Women's Sports Foundation's (<http://www.womenssportsfoundation.org/>) GoGirlGo! National Grant Program will award grants to organizations seeking to add new or expand participation opportunities for underserved populations of girls between the ages of 8 and 13. <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15012263/womenssports>

Healthy Sprouts Awards to Support Awareness of Nutrition and Hunger

Deadline: October 15, 2008

As a way to encourage the growth of health-focused youth gardens, the National Gardening Association (<http://www.garden.org/home>) recognizes outstanding programs via the Healthy Sprouts Awards. Sponsored by Gardener's Supply Company (<http://gardeners.com/>), the awards support school and youth garden programs that teach about nutrition and the issue of hunger in the United States. <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/15012269/kidsgardening>

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Articles of Interest:

INTERACTIVE TOUCH SCREENS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR A FLAT WORLD
Lessons at David Livingston Elementary School in Vancouver, B.C. (Canada) have become anything but traditional, reports Fiona Morrow for the Globe and Mail. The school is the hub for SMART technology, which includes touch sensitive interactive whiteboards connected to computers and digital projectors in every classroom. For additional details:
<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20080325.wlsmartboard25/EmailBNStory/Technology/home>

Quotes for the Week:

Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school.

- Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

Your talk talks and your walk talks, but your walk talks louder than your talk talks.

-- John Maxwell

Have a great week!!!

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