



# MARE Focus

AUGUST 25, 2016

FROM THE DESK OF DR. RAY PATRICK, MARE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## ENDORSEMENTS

- American Fidelity Assurance Co.
- Claim Care, Inc.
- CTS Group
- Erate Program, LLC
- Forrest T. Jones & Co.
- IMS
- L.J. Hart & Company
- MEUHP
- Mike Keith Insurance
- M.U.S.I.C.
- MO. Consultants for Ed.
- Pro-Energy Solutions
- SOCS
- TREMCO Roofing

## MARE PARTNERSHIPS

- LEGAL HOTLINE
- EDUCATIONP LUS
- FLITELEADERS CONSULTING
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMINISTRATOR JOB POSTING
- NETWORK FOR

The MARE Association is saddened to report that Mr. Phil Dorth, long time MARE Associate Director, passed away at his home in Rocky Mount, MO on Monday August 22. Phil was 83 years young and had been involved with MARE since its beginning in 1987. He served on the MARE Executive Board as the West Central Regional representative until his retirement as Superintendent from the Concordia R-II School District with 30 years in the district. Following his retirement, he continued to be part of MARE by serving as the Associate Director, the recording secretary, and helping out where ever he could at board meetings and conferences. When the school board training program started up in the late 1990's, Phil was a training instructor conducting training sessions mostly in Southeast Missouri.

Two memorial services are planned. The first service will be held at the Concordia High School on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 p.m. and a second service will be held on Saturday, September 17 at the Northshore Baptist Church at Rocky Mount, MO. Condolences may be shared with the family at [www.pfheldon.com](http://www.pfheldon.com).

## New Website:

MARE is in the process of moving from the current website over to a new website design with plans to be up by mid-September. WE believe the new design will be more user friendly. Please plan to check it out later in September and let us know what you think.

## MARE is now on FACEBOOK:

We invite school districts/individuals/organizations to connect with the new MARE Facebook page. Just type in Missouri Association of Rural Education and **LIKE** us on facebook. Through this media, we hope to share programs and activities that rural school districts are sharing on their facebook pages.

### **Missouri Consultants for Education (MCE) Updates:**

The August, 2016 policy/regulation/form updates are currently available on the MCE website – <http://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.

For district administrators that may be new to the MCE policy updates, please note that there is a letter from Tom Mickes included, indicating the changes whether completely **NEW** policies, regulations, forms or **REVISED** policies, regulations, forms. For those that are **REVISED** there is also a link referred to as **REDLINES** which shows the changes that have been made to that particular numbered document.

Should you have any questions on the updates feel free to contact Tom Mickes (Office phone – 314-878-5600 or cell phone – 314-330-8903) or Bill Ray (Office phone – 816-322-0870 or cell phone – 816-591-1985).

If your school district is interested in receiving additional information on the MCE website district policy hosting program, please contact Nicole Boyles at Mickes O’Toole – (314) 878-5600.

### **Erate Workshops:**

Richard Senturia with eRate Program, LLC (a MARE endorsed provider) will once again be providing a series of erate workshops around the state in late September and early October. As soon as the dates/locations are set, we will include in the MARE Focus, MARE website, and MARE Facebook page. This is always an outstanding workshop with updates on erate and also helping school districts complete the first steps in the application process.

**Joint MARE/K-8 Conference – October 20-22, 2016 at the Lodge of 4 Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO**

**We encourage you and members of your district staff and board members to attend the second joint Fall Conference of MARE and the MoK-8 Associations.**

**Dates: Thursday afternoon – October 20, Friday all day – October 21, and Saturday morning, October 22.**

**Location: The Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, MO.**

**Hotel Reservations may be made with the Lodge Hotel Reservations Department by calling toll free – 888-265-5500. The group rate is \$109 per night (Single/Double). Reservations at this rate will be taken up until September 19, 2016. After this date guest rooms will be available at hotels space and rate availability.**

**Registration: Go to the *MARE website* –[www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com) - and download the registration form. You can fax or mail to the MARE office.**

**Program Schedule: (Draft)**

- Thursday Afternoon – October 20
  - Conference Opens with Commissioner Vandeven
  - Keynote Speaker – Mr. Kent Stock
  - Small group sessions
  - Exhibitors including an evening reception
- Friday All Day – October 21
  - Small group sessions, and general sessions
  - Luncheon – invitations have been sent to the candidates for governor as well as some special award recognitions
  - Annual MARE & MoK-8 Business Meetings
  - Evening banquet to recognize Outstanding Rural Education Award recipients.
- Saturday Morning – October 22
  - General sessions
  - Conference conclusion
- **Call for Presentation:** Proposals for presentations are being taken now. This would be a great opportunity for you and/or members of your staff to showcase innovative programs of your school district with other school district personnel. To submit, go to MARE website – [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com) – and click on CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS. **Deadline is Sept. 16, 2016.**
- **Outstanding Rural Education Awards:** This link is currently open on the MARE website. The final date

for nominations is **September 16**. The awards will be presented at the annual Awards Banquet on Friday evening, October 21. Please consider nominating representatives from your school district to be considered for one of these awards:

- Outstanding Rural Elementary Teacher
- Outstanding Rural Middle/Jr. High Teacher
- Outstanding Rural Secondary Teacher
- Outstanding Rural Secondary Student (Junior or Senior)
- Outstanding Rural Building Administrator
- Outstanding Rural District Administrator
- Outstanding Rural Support Staff Member
- Outstanding Rural School Board Member
- Outstanding Rural School District.

**Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament**  
**scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the**  
**COVE in Lake Ozark, MO.**

Registration for the Golf Tournament is on the MARE website – [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com) – just download and mail or fax to the MARE office.

Cost: \$60 per player or \$240 per 4 person team.

Start Time: On-site check-in will be available beginning at 12:00 Noon with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. We expect the course to fill up fast, so early registration is encouraged. A meal will be provided at the conclusion of the tournament.

Deadline for Registration: **Monday, October 3**

**School Board Training Dates:**

- Lake Ozark, MO – October 20 – 22 – Lodge of 4 Seasons (part of MARE/MoK-8 Conference)

Registration may be found on MARE website: [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com)

**MARE Superintendent Search Services:**

The MARE Association provides this service as part of its continued commitment to foster strong board/superintendent relationships and to enhance school

district leadership in Missouri. Should your school district be in the early stages of a superintendent search for the 2017-2018 school year, the MARE search consultants would be happy to provide a search proposal.

The board of education will receive a customized service through collaborative work with the search consultant as well as designing the timeline to embrace the complete commitment to the search including, but not limited to: recruitment, screening, reference checks, scheduling and protocol for candidate interviews, planning meetings with the board and onsite visits.

For additional information, please contact the MARE office (660) 747-8050. Our team of search consultants this year are Dr. Mike Jinks, Dr. Paul Ricker, and Dr. Craig Eaton.

### **Updated Email Addresses Needed:**

As several individuals have taken new Superintendents positions, we ask that any changes in email addressed be provided to the MARE office. We would also welcome adding board members to the MARE Focus listing. Just forward us an email with the new addresses.

### **Quote of the Week:**

“The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth.”

--John F. Kennedy

### **MARE Organization Staff:**

**Ray V. Patrick, EdD.** -- Cell Phone: 660-909-5118 -- Email: rpatrick@moare.com  
Executive Director

**Kevin Sandlin** -- Cell Phone: 660-351-0596 -- Email: ksandlin@moare.com  
Assist. Exec. Dir./Exec. Dir. Elect

**Jerry L Cochran, EdD** -- Cell Phone: 660-596-3184 -- Email: jcochran@moare.com  
Assist Exec. Dir.

**Missouri Association of Rural Education**  
710 N College, Suite C  
Warrensburg, Missouri 64093  
(660) 747-8050  
Fax: (660) 747-8160  
Website: [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com)

If you are the intended recipient but do not wish to receive communication through this medium, please so advise the sender immediately by a reply and your email address.

