



MARE Focus

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ENDORSEMENTS

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Tarkio R-I Superintendent Search Announcement (attached)

The Missouri Association of Rural Education has been retained by the Tarkio R-I Board of Education to conduct a search for their next Superintendent.

If you or you know of someone that might be interested in completing the application process, please refer to the announcement and the application that can be found on the MARE website: www.moare.com Click on the application for Superintendent.

The deadline for receipt of the application and supporting materials is **Wednesday November 2, 2016**. Should you have questions, contact Dr. Mike Jinks (MARE Search Consultant) – Phone: (660) 441-7473 or Email: 19mj46@charter.net.

Bowling Green R-I Superintendent Search Announcement

The Missouri Association of Rural Education has been retained by the Bowling Green R-I Board of Education to conduct a search for their next Superintendent.

If you or you know of someone that might be interested in completing the application process, please refer to the announcement and the application that can be found on the MARE website: www.moare.com Click on the application for Superintendent.

The deadline for receipt of the application and supporting materials is **Friday, October 28, 2016**. Should you have questions, contact Dr. Paul Ricker (MARE Search Consultant) – Phone: (573) 365-4703 or Email: paulricker1@charter.net

Other Administrative Openings on MARE Website:

Higbee R-VIII School District – Superintendent – located in Randolph County. For questions, contact current Supt. Darrell Treece at (660) 456-7277. Deadline for applications is October 28, 2016

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

It is not too late to register for the Annual MARE/MoK-8 Conference. An outstanding program has been put together especially for school administrators and school board members. We encourage all to attend.

FIND ATTACHED THE PROGRAM.

Registrations will be accepted on site however, to help with the meal count we prefer the registration be received prior to the conference. Faxed registrations will be accepted up through Tuesday, October 18.

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. Hotel shares that there are still plenty of rooms available.

Registration: Go to the *MARE website* –www.moare.com - and download the registration form. You can fax or mail to

the MARE office.

Program Schedule: [Attached is program schedule.](#)

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 – 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 – Still room for additional teams.**

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

Congratulations to the following that will be recognized at the Outstanding Rural Education Awards banquet (Friday evening, Oct. 21).

- **Elementary Teacher** – Tara Mashburn – Macks Creek R-V
- **Middle School Teacher** – Tim Bower – Osage R-II
- **High School Teacher** – Brittany Latham – Cole Camp R-I
- **Building Administrator** – Scott Gemes – Otterville R-VI
- **Secondary Student** – Jessica Riegel – Osage R-II
- **Support Staff** – Jeanne Pierson – North Andrew R-IV
- **District Administrator** – Frank Killian – Richland R-I
- **School Board Member** – Rodney Davison – Avenue City R-IX
- **School District** – Everton R-III, Everton, MO

For the last two years, MARE has been working with the

REL Central Rural Education Research Alliance (RERA) composed of rural educators throughout the seven-state Central Region (Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming) and others to identify school districts that have been most effective in narrowing/closing the achievement gap in Math and Reading. At the Conference luncheon, the following Missouri school districts will be recognized:

- Meadville R-V
- Gasconade C-4
- Kingston K-14
- Kirbyville R-VI
- La Plata R-II
- North Wood R-IV
- Salem R-80

Missouri School Directory 2016-2017:

As was indicated in the annual membership renewal, MARE is making a copy of the Missouri School Directory (last one published 2010-2011) available to each member school district and associate member. The directories have arrived and as a MARE Representative visits each of the regional administrators meetings please plan to pick up your copy (or copies if you ordered more) from that Representative. Copies will also be available for pickup at the annual Conference.

“RYH4K”

The MARE Executive Board is one of several organizations in Missouri that are opposed to the passage of the initiative – “Raise Your Hands for Kids.” The MARE organization very much supports the need for Early Childhood Education but has some serious concerns about some of the language found within this ballot issue and the effect its passage would have on rural school districts in Missouri.

Amendment 3 is a Smoke Screen that uses Kids to Sell Cigarettes. The Missouri Ethics Commission records show that an affiliate of RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company has provided over \$3.5 Million in funding for three front groups pushing a tax increase that uses kids as pawns to sell more cigarettes. And, a recent newspaper article quotes Reynolds spokesman saying that they will spend \$5 Million more for the campaign. Front groups include:]

- **Raise Your Hands 4-Kids -- \$2,776,361.49**
- **Early Childhood Education Initiative -- \$471,500.00**
- **Yes on Amendment 3 for Kids -- \$2,090,654.15**

In a press release on Monday, September 19, a large bipartisan coalition of state representatives (91) and senators (19) from across Missouri are encouraging voters to vote “NO” on this controversial constitutional amendment that contacts several troubling provisions. To see the position of your representative or senator, the press release may be found on the MARE website. In addition, both candidates for Governor have come out in opposition to this Amendment.

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.

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.

Quote of the Week:

“The present was an egg laid by the past that had the future inside its shell.”
--Zora Neale Hurston

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