



# MARE Focus

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**Holiday Greetings from MARE** – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Kevin, Jerry, Ray and the MARE Executive Board! We hope that you enjoy good food, good presents (If you have been good!) and time spent making memories with family and friends.

[Merry Christmas from MARE](#)

**MARE Scholarship Programs** – The Missouri Association of Rural Education sponsors two scholarship programs. The first program is open to any Missouri college junior or senior who is majoring in education. Application materials will be sent to all Missouri colleges that have an education program in early January. The second program is open to seniors of MARE member school districts. Eligible students must be planning to pursue a degree in education. Information regarding this program will be sent out to all High School Counselors in early January if not sooner.

[2018 MARE College Scholarship Guidelines and Application](#)

[2018 MARE High School Senior Scholarship Guidelines and Application](#)

## MARE Superintendent Searches

Closed Searches: North Andrew R-VI, Van Buren R-I, Canton R-V and Guadalupe Center Schools.

## Other Vacancies Posted

- \*Assistant Superintendent – Chillicothe R-II School District
- \*Special Services Director – Chillicothe R-II School District
- \*Elementary Principal – Gasconade County R-II School District

**2018 Boys State Information** - The American Legion Boys State of Missouri is an eight-day hands-on experience in the operation and fundamentals of government. Missouri Boys State draws together the best and brightest high school juniors to help lead them down the path of individual success and leadership through "doing," not just learning. For more information on this wonderful opportunity, please check out the website at <https://www.moboysstate.org/>.

**MARE Superintendent Search Program** – One of the services that our organization provides is the Superintendent Search Program. Over the last three years, MARE Search Consultants have completed twenty-seven searches from schools all over the state. If you are retiring or leaving your district, we would love the opportunity to help your Board select the next leader. More information on the program can be accessed on our website.

**Survey Opportunity** – Dr. Greg Stratman, President of the Rolla 31 Board of Education, has created a survey intended for Superintendents. The survey seeks to gather information that may then be used to help provide faculty instructors (at no cost) in various subjects to districts across the state. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QP8THCP>. I would encourage you to take a few moments and complete this survey.

**2018 MARE/MO K-8 Fall Conference** – Next year's conference will be held Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (afternoon) through Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> (11:00 a.m.) at The Lodge of Four Seasons. Please make plans now to attend and help us grow our annual conference!

### **School Board Training Dates**

*We are trying to schedule two MARE Board Training events in either late January or early February. One training event is being considered for St. Joseph or Cameron in northern Missouri. A second training event is being considered for Poplar Bluff or Cape Girardeau. Possible dates are January 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> or February 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have Board members in need of training, please let me know so that I can reach out to them.*

**Legal Articles** – We have added a number of new legal articles to our website recently. Please check this out at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com). Special thanks to our partners at EdCounsel, Mickes O'Toole, Guin Mundorf, and Tueth Keeney for providing these articles.

**2017-2018 Missouri School Directories** – We still have some extra 2017-2018 directories available for purchase at \$12.50 each. Contact me if interested!

**MARE Associate Members** – If you are in need of products or services, please give one of our Associate Members a call! A complete listing of MARE Associate Members can be found on the website!

**2018 MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament** – The annual tournament will be held on Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. Please mark your calendars now and plan to be involved in this event. All proceeds benefit the MARE Scholarship programs.

**Immediate Executive Board Vacancy** – MARE has a vacancy on the Executive Board for a Region C representative. Region C includes the following counties: Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, Greene, Webster, Newton, Christian, McDonald, Berry, Stone and Taney. If you are interested in being considered for this vacancy, please let me know.

## **Survey of School Board Members & Superintendents**

Many of you should have received a mailed copy of a survey that was provided by Dr. Jon Turner and others with Missouri State University. The survey sought to gather information from Board members and Superintendents across the state. The **deadline for submission of the survey has been extended until December 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please access this information and take a few minutes to complete it. MARE will receive a copy of the results of the survey and we hope to be able to use the information gathered as we plan for future events for the organization. If you need further information, please contact [JonSTurner@MissouriState.edu](mailto:JonSTurner@MissouriState.edu).

## **Modern States Education Alliance Partners With the National Rural Education Association to Help Bring Top Quality College Courses to High School Students**

To learn more about this opportunity please access the following link:  
[http://www2.marketwire.com/mw/release\\_html\\_b1?release\\_id=1326305](http://www2.marketwire.com/mw/release_html_b1?release_id=1326305)

**MARE Executive Board Meeting** – The next meeting of the MARE Executive Board is scheduled for Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> in Jefferson City at the MRTA Building. If you have matters that you would like for the Board to consider, please send me an email regarding those matters.

## **Quote of the Week**

“True education does not consist merely in the acquiring of a few facts of science, history, literature, or art, but in the development of character.”  
– **David O. McKay**

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