



MARE Focus

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Silex R-I High School Principal Vacancy – MARE has been retained by the Silex R-I School District to help conduct the search for a high school principal for 2017-2018. Dr. Paul Ricker is the search consultant. Information can be found on the MARE website regarding this vacancy.

Weekly SAC Bulletin:

If you are not receiving the weekly School Administrators Coalition Legislative Bulletin, please let us know so that we can add your email address to the list.

Other Administrator Positions Listed on the MARE website:

North Callaway R-I Elementary Principal Vacancy – Deadline: (open until filled). Contact is Dr. Bryan Thomsen at (573) 386-2214 or email: bmaddox@nc.k12.mo.us.

Lonedell R-XIV Elementary (K-8) Principal – Deadline: (open until filled). Contact is Janis Huff – (636) 629-4974.

Fairfax R-III Superintendent Vacancy – Deadline – March 3, 2017. Contact is Dr. Michael Garrett at (660) 686-2421 or mgarrett@fxbulldogs.net.

Pettis County R-V Superintendent Vacancy – Deadline – March 1, 2017. Contact is Rebecca Barnes at (660) 620-2001 or rab5875@yahoo.com.

Stoutland R-II Superintendent – Deadline – March 1, 2017. Dr. Paul Ricker is the search consultant. Phone: (573) 365-4703 or email: paulricker1@charter.net

School Board Training Dates:

MARE Board Trainings are scheduled as follows:

- Maryville, MO – May 19, 2017 and May 20, 2017**
- Poplar Bluff, MO – June 2, 2017 and June 3, 2017**
- Palmyra, MO – June 2, 2017 and June 3, 2017**
- Bolivar, MO – June 16, 2017 and June 17, 2017**
- Sedalia, MO – July 14, 2017 and July 15, 2017**
- Lake Ozark, MO – October 18-20, 2017 (Conference)**

- *Two day trainings are scheduled 8:00-4:00 p.m. daily.*
- *Conference training is 1-5, 8-4 and 8-12 noon.*
- *Access www.moare.com – Board Training.*

High School Seniors Scholarship Opportunity:

*MARE is pleased to announce that the organization will be accepting applications for up to ten (10) \$500.00 scholarships that will be awarded to Seniors in MARE member districts who have expressed interest in pursuing a degree in education. The guidelines, timeline, application and other pertinent information can be found on the MARE website: (www.moare.com). **Deadline is March 10, 2017.***

Guidelines for the Rural Missouri Scholarship Fund:

The level of economic development of an area is directly related to the quality of education available. To improve economic development in rural Missouri, an adequate number of well trained, dedicated teachers must be available to instruct in rural school districts. MARE is making available 10 -- \$1,000 scholarships.

Application and guidelines are now available on the MARE website (www.moare.com). All Missouri

colleges/universities offering teacher education programs have been notified of this scholarship opportunity.

Components of the Scholarship Selection Criteria:

- Only junior and senior level Missouri college/university students qualify as scholarship recipients. (Exception – Colleges/Universities that do not approve students' major in education until they are enrolled in a 5th year program.)
- Eligible students are those who have successfully completed 60 credit hours and have declared a major in education.
- A scholarship recipient may reapply in a subsequent year for another scholarship.
- Applicants must have achieved 2.5 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Application Deadline: **March 24, 2017.**

The annual National Rural Education Association Foundation Essay Contest allows contestants to

participate in three divisions: elementary, middle/junior high and high school. Grades 3-8 may participate in a written essay contest using the provided prompt and

rubric. Grades 9-12 may participate in a video essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. The winner of the elementary division (3-5) receives \$250. The runner-up will receive \$100. The winners in the middle/junior high and high school divisions receive \$400. The runner-ups receive a \$200 prize. For contest guidelines, prompts, and rubrics go to the National Rural Education Association website (www.nrea.net). **Deadline to submit is April 1st.**

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. For more information access this link: [Annual Election of Executive Board Members](#)

MARE Mobile Application:

We at MARE understand the importance of staying connected with our community. We are very excited to announce we now have a App, which will provide easy access to the information you need.

Select the App available for you to download from Google Play and App Store



Mike Keith Insurance – Special thanks to Mike Keith Insurance for being a Bronze Level Sponsor for MARE for two consecutive years.

Altis Reach – Grant Opportunity – Through our partnership with Education Technology Partners, MARE is able to promote an exciting grant opportunity for Altis Reach. Altis Reach is a reading program targeting 4th through 10th grade students who are struggling with reading. For more information and an application, please access the MARE website.

Call for Presentations – The call for presentation proposals for the 2017 MARE/MO K-8 Conference will be posted by next week. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for consideration, please check out the website for more details.

Save the Dates:

2017 MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament – Tuesday, August 1st at Osage National Golf Course – 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Registration forms and more information will be posted soon.

2017 MARE/MO K-8 Conference – Wednesday, October 18th through Friday, October 20th at The Lodge of the Four Seasons. Registration forms and more information will be posted in the Spring.

Quote of the Week:

“As a general rule, teachers teach more by what they are than by what they say.”
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