



# MARE Focus

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**Legislative Alert – Senate Bill 612** – The Senate is expected to bring up Senate Bill 612 early next week for a vote. SB 612 creates a \$25 million dollar tax credit scheme earmarked for targeted student populations. MARE, along with all other educational associations, is strongly opposed to this legislation for a number of reasons, chief of which is the fact that there is not money in the state budget for this program. Please review the Legislative Bulletin sent out this afternoon by MASA for more specific information on this legislation. Superintendents, principals, teachers, Board members and concerned parents and district patrons are strongly encouraged to contact your local senator and encourage him/her to vote no on this legislation. To find your senator, please check out the link (<http://www.senate.mo.gov/senators-listing/>).

**MARE Superintendent Searches** - MARE has been retained to assist with the Superintendent Search at:

**Sturgeon R-V School District** – Dr. Craig Eaton is the Search Consultant. He may be reached at (660) 492-0811 or [craigdeaton87@gmail.com](mailto:craigdeaton87@gmail.com). **Deadline to submit an application is Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

## Other Vacancies

### Lonedell R-XIV Special Education Director

**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 have been sent to all Missouri colleges that have a teacher education program. 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 has been sent out to all High School Counselors, For an application and more information, access the links for both scholarship programs listed on the introductory MARE Focus Cover Page.

**Deadline to apply – HS Scholarship (3/9/2018), College Scholarship (3/23/2018)**

**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.

**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! Kent Rader (The World’s Cleanest Comedian and Speaker) has been booked as our Keynote Speaker!

**Annual Election of Executive Board Members** - MARE will be electing Regional Executive Board Members in Region B, D, F, H and J this year. Additionally, one member from a MARE member school district’s Board of Education and a K-8 representative (appointed by the K-8 Board) will be selected this year. If you are interested in being considered, please check out the website for more information. Board members will be announced at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting. Terms for newly elected or appointed members begin on July 1, 2018.

**Region B** – Counties of - Gasconade, Franklin, Crawford, Washington, Iron, Reynolds, St. Francis, Ste. Genevieve, Jefferson, Perry and St. Louis

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

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

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

**Region J** – Counties of – Atchinson, Holt, Nodaway, Andrew, Buchanan, Platte, Clay, Worth, DeKalb, Clinton, Ray, Caldwell, Daviess, Gentry and Harrison.

**School Board Training Dates** – Please let me know if you have Board members who will need training after the April elections. If I can secure ten or more members within a geographical area, I will set up a regional training. If your school district would be willing to serve as a host site for the training, please let me know that as well. Trainings will be scheduled as needed in May, June, July and at the Fall Conference October 17<sup>th</sup> through October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Legal Articles** – *New articles have been added in the past few weeks! 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.*

**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.

**NREA Essay Contest** - The annual NREA 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 in the elementary division 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 more information, go to the NREA website at [www.nrea.net](http://www.nrea.net).

**Associate Membership List** – The Missouri Association of Rural Education is very fortunate to have a number of very loyal and dedicated Associate Members who support our organization by providing discounted services, discounted products, support for our annual conference, support for our golf tournament and information and trainings around the state. Please access the complete list found on the introductory MARE Focus Cover Page.

**Call for Presentations** – MARE and MO K-8 are accepting presentation proposals for the joint conference which is scheduled for October 17-19, 2018 at The Lodge of Four Seasons. Please access our website at [www.moare.com](http://www.moare.com) and download the form to submit. Contact me with any questions!

### **SRSA Application News**



Dear Rural School Organization Contact,

We are writing to notify you that the FY 2018 Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) grant application period is scheduled to open **Tuesday, February 20, 2018, and close Friday, April 20, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. Washington, D.C. time**. The FY 2018 SRSA application will be available in [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) once the application period opens on February 20.

The Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) team sent this notification to local education agencies (LEAs) and state education agencies this morning.

We will send a follow-up email to LEAs next week with a link to the updated eligibility spreadsheet and details about pre-application actions that SRSA-eligible LEAs should take to be prepared to start their FY 2018 SRSA grant applications on February 20.

If you have questions regarding this notification, please send them to [REAP@ed.gov](mailto:REAP@ed.gov).

### **Quote of the Week**

“When you study great teachers... you will learn much more from their caring and hard work than from their style.” – William Glasser

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