



MARE Focus

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ENDORSEMENTS

American Fidelity Assurance Co.

Claim Care, Inc.

CTS Group

Forrest T. Jones & Co.

IMS

L.J. Hart & Company

MASA MTS

MEUHP

Mike Keith Insurance

M.U.S.I.C.

MO. Consultants for Ed.

Pro-Energy Solutions

Show-me-State Virtual Ed., LLC

SOCS

MARE PARTNERSHIPS

- LEGAL HOTLINE: ED COUNSEL, GUIN MUNDORF, MICKES O'TOOLE, TUETH KEENEY
- EDPLUS
- ED TECH PARTNERS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

MARE Superintendent Searches

Closed Superintendent Searches: Central R-III, West St. Francois Co. R-IV, Scott County R-IV and Hermitage R-IV

Other Vacancies

- We have the following additional vacancies posted on our site:

- Malden R-I School District - Superintendent of Schools for 2019-2020
- Richland R-IV School District - Superintendent of Schools for 2019-2020
- Doniphan R-I School District - Superintendent of Schools for 2019-2020
- Nell Holcomb R-IV School District - Superintendent of Schools for 2019-2020
- Gasconade Co. R-II School District - High School Principal for 2019-2020

Superintendent Search Services

- One of the services that MARE provides is a professional, yet affordable Superintendent or Building Administrator Search Service Program. Our team of Search Consultants includes Dr. Mike Jinks, Dr. Paul Ricker and Dr. Craig Eaton. If you are retiring or moving to another location, we would welcome the opportunity to put together a search proposal for your school district. More information regarding this program can be found on our website at www.moare.com.

MARE Associate Directory - Coming Soon!

- One of the projects that we are working on is to create a MARE Associate Directory that will provide information for our member school districts. I am requesting that all of our Associate Members send me an email containing a paragraph that highlights your organization, including contact information, a link to your website and a picture and or logo to include. The directory will be organized by services or products provided.

School Board Training Dates

- MARE will be offering additional Board Training events before the April elections. If you have Board members in need of training, please contact me soon so that I can set these events up.

To register, go online (www.moare.com) and complete the electronic form found under Board Training or contact Kevin Sandlin at ksandlin@moare.com.

Legal Articles

- Check out the various legal articles posted on our website at www.moare.com. Special thanks to our partners at EdCounsel, Mickes O'Toole, Guin Mundorf, and Tueth Keeney for providing these articles.

2018-2019 Missouri School Directories

- We are trying to deliver the new Missouri School Directories as we travel the state attending various

MASA meetings. Please plan to attend the next meeting in your area to pick up your copy (ies) from us. Those that we cannot deliver in person will be mailed by the middle of December.

MARE Associate Members - If you are in need of products or services, please give one of our Associate Members a call. Please access this link for a complete listing of current [Associate Members](#).

Coordinating School Health Conference - The 26th Annual Coordinated School Health Conference is scheduled for November 29-December 1, 2018 at the Lodge of Four Seasons. Make plans now to attend! For more information on this event, please access the website: www.healthykidsmo.org.

Quote of the Week

"It is the teacher that makes the difference, not the classroom." Michael Morpurgo

Save the Date - Make plans now to participate in the 9th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament to be held at Osage National Golf Course on Tuesday, July 30, 2019! More information will be provided next Spring!

New Associate Members - Please join me in welcoming the following to MARE as Associate Members:

Software Unlimited, Inc.
Missouri Propane Education & Research Council

Check out the website for more information on these new members!

MARE Board Elections - MARE will be electing Regional Executive Board Members in Regions A, C, E, G and I this year. Additionally, one member from a MARE member school district's Board of Education and a Higher Education representative will be selected. Board members will be announced at the May 6th Executive Board Meeting. Terms for newly elected or appointed members begin on July 1, 2019.

Region A Counties of: Bates, Vernon, Barton, Cedar, St. Clair, Benton, Hickory, Polk, and Dallas

Region C Counties of: Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Barry, Lawrence, Dade, Greene, Christian, Stone, Taney, and Webster

Region E Counties of: Dunklin, Pemiscot, New Madrid, Mississippi, Scott, Stoddard, Gape Girardeau, Bollinger, Madison, Wayne and Butler

Region G Counties of: Wright, Douglas, Ozark, Texas, Howell, Shannon, Oregon, Carter, and Ripley

Region I Counties of: Mercer, Grundy, Livingston, Carroll, Putnam, Sullivan, Linn, Chariton, Schuyler, Adair, Macon, Randolph, Howard and Boone

eMINTS National Center Grant Opportunity - If you are interested in learning more about eMINTS and the opportunity to participate in

the latest grant, please check out the following items and links:

[eMINTS 2018 Seed Grant Abstract](#)

Here is more information about the grant: <https://sites.google.com/a/emints.org/seed-2018-grant-information/>.

Here is the form if they want more information about participating: <https://goo.gl/forms/OLS2JFUHQZAWSXJS2>

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PRESS RELEASE

USDA Announces Funding to Increase Access to Education, Workforce Training and Health Care Opportunities in Rural Communities

Investments will help more than 4.5 million rural Americans

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31, 2018 – Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue today announced that USDA is awarding grants for [128 projects to increase access to job training](#) (PDF, 351 KB), educational and health care services in rural areas.

"Empowering rural Americans with access to services for quality of life and economic development is critical to rural prosperity," Secretary Perdue said. "Distance learning and telemedicine technology bridges the gap that often exists between rural communities and essential education, workforce training and health care resources."

USDA is awarding \$39.6 million through the [Distance Learning and Telemedicine \(DLT\) Grant Program](#). More than 4.5 million residents in 40 states and three territories will benefit from the funding.

Below are summaries of some of USDA's investments in rural communities:

- Washburn University, in Kansas, is being awarded \$349,213 to help provide re-

sources to enable two-way interactive distance learning via video teleconferencing technology. The technology will help develop workplace skills that are increasingly needed in the modern, technical work environment. The resources provided through this investment will enable rural students across Kansas to obtain these skills. Additionally, this investment will be used to recruit and retain health care workers for rural communities. More than 3,700 students will have access to the educational opportunities provided with this project, including students in a high school in the Lawrence-Gardener Juvenile Corrections Center.

- St. Anthony Hospital, in Oklahoma, is receiving \$457,020 to help SSM Health Care of Oklahoma purchase telemedicine equipment to expand its Saints 1st Telehealth Network to serve up to 3,434 inpatients and 3,401 outpatients. This project will reduce time and expense for patients to access specialized medical services such as cardiology, endocrinology, pulmonology, ENT (ear, nose and throat), pediatric, hospitalist, primary care, and mental health care. Telemedicine links will be established at 12 hub/end-user locations in Beaver, Blaine, Custer, Garvin, Harper, Kiowa, Lincoln, Major, McClain, Washita and Woods counties. Project sites include nine rural hospitals and three rural physician practices. This project will significantly improve health care in the affected areas.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Increasing investments in rural infrastructure is a key recommendation of the task force.

To view the report in its entirety, please view the [Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity](#) (PDF, 5.4 MB). In addition, to view the categories of the recommendations, please view the [Rural Prosperity infographic](#) (PDF, 190 KB).

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov.

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receive as part of MARE membership. I can assure you that the nominal membership dues pale in comparison to the benefits that members enjoy. Annual membership dues provide support for:

1. Free Legal Hotline Service – Representatives from EdCounsel, Guin Mundorf, Mickes O'Toole and Thomeczek and Brink provide answers to your questions on minor legal issues.
2. Collaborative Lobbying Efforts – MARE is a member of the School Administrators Coalition (SAC) that works collectively with many of the school organizations to lobby on behalf of Missouri public education.
3. National Advocacy – MARE is part of the National Rural Education Association and actively participates in advocacy in Washington on behalf of rural schools across the nation.
4. Superintendent Searches – MARE provides a very affordable and well structured search program for school districts in need of Superintendents and Building Administrators.
5. Annual Conference – MARE partners with MO K-8 to provide an annual fall Conference. Sessions planned focus on education matters important to rural and small schools.
6. Saves districts money with various Associate Member products and services including Lease Purchasing (L.J. Hart), Natural Gas Consortium (Pro-Energy Solutions), Cooperative Purchasing (Education Plus), Software Programs (Education Technology Partners), Record Scanning/Storage (IMS), Website Support (SOCS) and others.
7. Coordinates two scholarship programs that focus on providing money for students interested in pursuing education degrees. This year alone the programs provided \$25,500 dollars to thirty-six(36) students majoring in education.
8. Executive Board is made up of ten (10) practicing rural School Superintendents, two (2) at-large school Board members, one (1) K-8 representative, and one (1) Higher Education Representative.

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