



MARE Focus

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

Happy Thanksgiving – The MARE administrative team and the MARE Executive Board would like to wish all of you, Happy Thanksgiving! As an organization, we are fortunate to have the support of 377 of the public school districts in our great state. We are also blessed to have sixty vendor partners who support our work in a number of ways! Take time this Thanksgiving to enjoy family, friends, good food and time away from the office.

Legal Hotline Service – One of the greatest benefits that MARE member school districts receive is the opportunity to participate in the Legal Hotline Consultation Service. This service allows for unlimited telephone consultations with a school attorney to get answers to minor legal issues. The following terms pertain to this MARE member service:

- Annual MARE membership must be current.
- **The district staff making the call must inform the attorney that this is a MARE member school district phone call.**
- The service provided must be of an advisory nature.
- The service does not include the following:
 - 1) In-depth research
 - 2) Preparation of documents
 - 3) Review of documents mailed or faxed to the firm
 - 4) Written opinions
 - 5) Any consultation in conjunction with the firm's current representation of the district.

Participating firms include – EdCounsel, Guin Mundorf, Mickes O'Toole and Thomeczek & Brink (This firm sets an annual limit of two free legal consults regarding special education issues.) If you have questions regarding this service, please give me a call.

MARE Superintendent Searches – MARE is conducting the following Superintendent Searches:

Van Buren R-I School District – Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. Phone: (573) 365-4703 or email: paulricker1@charter.net. Deadline to submit an application is Friday, November 24, 2017.

Canton R-V School District – Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. Phone: (573) 365-4703 or email: paulricker1@charter.net. Deadline to submit an application is Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

Guadalupe Center Schools – Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. Phone: (660) 441-7473 or email: 19mj46@charter.net. Deadline to submit an application is Friday, December 1, 2017.

For complete information on these vacancies, please go to the MARE website: www.moare.com.

Other Vacancies Posted

*Building Principal – St. Elizabeth R-IV School District

*Assistant Superintendent – Chillicothe 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 17th (afternoon) through Friday, October 19th (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 may offer one or two additional Board Training sessions after December. If you have Board members who need training, please let us know. We will need to have 7-10 members within a geographical area to make this work.

Legal Articles – We have added a number of new legal articles to our website recently. Please check this out at 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 have some additional directories available at \$12.50 each. If you are interested, please contact me. (You do not have to be a MARE member to purchase these excess directories!)

Returning MARE Member School District – We are pleased to welcome Hardin-Central C-2 back as a MARE member school district. Hardin-Central C-2 is a K-12 district located in Ray County. The district has a student enrollment of 244. Trey Cavanah serves as the Superintendent there.

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 31st 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 send a letter or email to my attention at the address listed below.

MCE Policy Updates – The November 2017 policy updates regarding homeless students and foster care students 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. If you have questions, please contact Tom Mickes or Bill Ray.

Quote of the Week

“A good education can change anyone. A good teacher can change everything!” (Unknown)

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