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---Legislative Alert---

House Bill #357 introduced by Representative Bahr might be referred to as a first step toward a school consolidation bill.

Representative Bahr has tried for many years to get the SMALL SCHOOLS MONEY of \$15 million dollars re-directed for other purposes. His recommendation is now to not take the money but to limit how the money is spent by the local school district. Under the terms of this bill, monies would be limited to:

- **Distance Learning;**
- **Extraordinary Transportation Costs;**
- **Rural Teacher Recruitment;**
- **Student Learning Opportunities not Available Within the District.**

Below is listed members of the committee that will be hearing this bill TODAY. PLEASE drop an email note to one or more of these legislators and express that passage of this bill would lose the current local control of how this money is spent and also the effects on your local district.

Committee members for education are:

- **Kathryn Swan – Chair**

- **[Rebecca Roeber](#)**
- **[Judy Morgan](#)**
- **[Ira Anders](#)**
- **[Kurt Bahr](#)**
- **[Gretchen Bangert](#)**
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Current MARE Superintendent Searches:

Cooper Co. R-IV School District (Bunceton) – Deadline for receipt of the application and supporting materials is **Friday February 10th**. Dr. Craig Eaton is the search consultant – Phone – (660) 492-0811 or email: craigdeaton87@gmail.com

Harrisburg R-VIII School District – Deadline for receipt of the application and supporting materials is **Friday, February 10th**. Dr. Mike Jinks is the search consultant – Phone – (660) 441-7473 or email: 19mj46@charter.net

Smithton R-VI School District – Deadline for receipt of the application and support materials is **Friday, February 17th**. Dr. Mike Jinks is the search consultant – Phone (660) 441-7473 or email: 19mj46@charter.net

Stoutland R-II School District – Deadline for receipt of the application and support materials is **Wednesday, March 1st**. Dr. Paul Ricker is the search consultant – Phone – 573) 365-4703 or email: paulricker1@charter.net.

If you are interested or if you know of someone that might be interested in completing the application process, please refer to the announcement and the application that can be found on the MARE website: www.moare.com.

**Other Administrator Positions Listed on MARE website:
(located under Vacancies)**

Hume R-VIII Superintendent Vacancy – Deadline is Friday, January 27. Contact is Melody Mikoff – (660) 643-7411 or email: mwikoff@humer8.k12.mo.us

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

Livingston Co. R-III – PK-8 Administrator/Principal – Deadline is Tuesday, February 14. Contact is (660) 639-3135.

Pleasant Hill R-III Deputy Superintendent Vacancy – Deadline is Friday, February 17. Contact is Darlene Eslick – (816) 540-3161 or Email: deslick@pleasanthillschools.com

Rolla #31 – Chief Financial Officer – Deadline: (open until filled). Contact is Mr. Kelly Hinshaw – (573) 458-0100.

Oran R-III High School Principal – Deadline: (Open until filled). Contact Mr. Blane Keel at (573) 262-2330 or bkeel@oran.k12.mo.us

Glenwood R-VIII Elementary (K-8) Principal – Deadline: (open until filled). Contact is Mr. Wayne Stewart – (417) 256-4849.

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

School Board Training Dates:

The Missouri Association of Rural Education has made arrangements to provide a Board Training workshop on February 17th-18th at the Brookfield YMCA. We are accepting additional registrations for this training. Click on this link, [Board Training Registration](#), to access

the form. (If the district is not required to hold an election but will have one or more new Board members, they may complete their training prior to being sworn in at the April meeting.)

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)

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 for submission 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](#)

Workshops Scheduled:

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri will be providing a series of workshops entitled, "Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers". Workshops are scheduled as follows:

February 9th – Columbia

February 23rd – Springfield

March 2nd – Cape Girardeau

All workshops are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Access the link on the MARE website, www.moare.com, for more information!

MCE Policy Updates

The January, 2017 MCE Policy Updates are now available on the MCE website. Go to www.moconed.com to download.

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:

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."
--Albert Einstein--

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