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Missouri Association of Rural Education



<u>Policy Services</u> Missouri Consultants for Education (MCE) Board Policy Service provides a practical and legally sound set of policies and regulations developed by trial-experienced school attorneys.	<u>Legal Consultation Service</u> The Legal Telephone Consultation (HOTLINE) Service allows for unlimited telephone consultation with a school attorney under certain conditions. Participating firms: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mickes O'Toole• EdCounsel, LLC• Guin Mundorf	<u>Special Education Legal Issues</u> This legal service provides up to two (2) "initial consultations" during the school year pertaining to special education legal issues. Participating firm: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thomeczek & Brink
<u>State Legislative Advocacy</u> MARE is a member of the School Administrators Coalition (SAC). SAC employs individuals/firms to represent their interests at the Missouri State Capitol during the legislative session.	<u>National Advocacy</u> MARE is a member of the National Rural Education Advocacy Consortium (NREAC), which represents the interests of rural public schools in national forums where education issues are decided.	<u>Superintendent Searches</u> MARE is available to all school districts in Missouri to facilitate the search for your next superintendent. A professional cost-effective proposal and fee structure is available upon request. Our consultant team includes – Dr. Mike Jinks, Dr. Paul Ricker, Dr. Jerry Cochran, Mr. Darryl Pannier & Mrs. Mary Beth Scherer
<u>School Board Training</u> MARE conducts training sessions for newly elected school board members to receive the 18.5 hours of orientation and training required by statute within one year of their election or appointment. Sessions are FREE. Our training team includes Dr. Margret Anderson, Mr. Leroy Huff & Dr. Ron Wilken	<u>Board of Education Self-Analysis</u> MARE supports member school districts by offering boards of education re-training and/or self analysis sessions which outline the characteristics of effective school boards. Contact the MARE office for a proposal that includes services and related fees.	<u>Building Principal Searches</u> MARE is available to all school districts in Missouri to facilitate the search for your next building principal. A professional cost-effective proposal and fee structure is available upon request.
<u>Annual Convention</u> MARE & MO K-8 Associations provide an annual fall conference that includes general/breakout/keynote sessions and exhibits focused on supporting rural education themes. The event is held at the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO. Outstanding Rural Education and Friend of Rural Education Awards are given annually.	<u>Communication</u> Timely and up-to-date articles and information on rural education issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MARE FOCUS• MARE Website• MARE Facebook• MARE Mobile App• Legal Articles• Copy of Annual School Directory	<u>Special Partnerships</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Legion Boys State• Missouri Administrator Job Posting• MASA Medical Transport Solutions• Missouri Girls State• MOCAAT Investment Pool• Beyond the Tassle
<u>Saves School Districts Money</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lease Purchase – L.J. Hart & Company• Natural Gas - Hamlin Energy• Cooperative Purchasing – Education Plus• Record Scanning/Storage -- IMS• Website Support – SOCS• SlateXP - LearnSafe Program	<u>Other Preferred Providers</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Fidelity Assurance Co. – Cafeteria Plans• Claim Care – Medicaid Claiming• Veregy – Project Management• Forrest T. Jones & Co. – Long Term Care• MEUHP – Health Insurance• Mike Keith Insurance – Health Insurance• M.U.S.I.C. – Building/Property Ins.	<u>Rural Missouri Scholarship</u> The level of economic development of an area is directly related to the quality of education available. To improve the adequate number of well-trained, dedicated teachers, 15-25 \$1,000 scholarships are given annually to junior and senior level college students meeting certain criteria. The Scholarship Program is supported by the annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament.
<u>Special Workshop Sponsors</u> (Not all held annually) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Custodial Staff Training• Board Leadership• Board Secretary• Building Secretary• Annual Legal Update Seminars• School Nurses• Brain Injury - Concussion	<u>Rural Missouri High School Senior Scholarship Fund</u> The level of economic development of an area is directly related to the quality of education available. To encourage high school students to consider a career in education, 25-30 \$500 scholarships will be given annually to high school graduates of MARE member school districts.	<u>MARE Executive Board Membership</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 Elected Regional Representatives• 2 At-large School Board Members• 1 K-8 Schools Representative• 1 Higher Education Representative• 2 Advisory Board Representatives

MARE is a service organization whose purpose is to serve the member school districts in such a way that:

- The students of rural Missouri will have an equal opportunity to receive an excellent education.
- The students of rural Missouri will be able to compete academically with students throughout the world.
 - The citizens of Missouri will be proud of the educational programs in rural Missouri schools.

Assisting, Leading, Protecting Missouri Rural Schools for 36 Years

Contact the MARE Office at (660) 747-8050 with any questions.