



# MARE Focus

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- EDPLUS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
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**MARE Superintendent Searches** – Closed Superintendent Searches for 2020-2021: Community R-VI, Missouri City #56, Gasconade Co. R-II, Strafford R-VI, East Prairie R-II, Schuyler Co. R-I, Oak Ridge R-VI, Purdy R-II, Sturgeon R-V and Plato R-V. MARE welcomes the opportunity to assist your district with the Superintendent Search process. If we can be of service, please reach out to me at (660) 747-8050 or by email at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

## MARE/EdCounsel HS Senior Scholarships Awarded

### 2021 MARE/EdCounsel HS Scholarship Recipients

<u>Student</u>	<u>District</u>
Carli Beck	Gallatin R-V
Kegan Birck	Canton R-V
Keiley Clark	Morgan Co. R-I
Shellby Copple	Maryville R-II
Makenzi Davis	Neelyville R-IV
Bronson Frieling	Savannah R-III
Konner Gilson	Hale R-I
Kaleigh Green	East Prairie R-II
Joseph Guerin	Osceola
Daniel Harvey	Pike Co. R-III
Conner Hayes	Knox Co. R-I
Cameryn "Belle" Hoffman	North Callaway Co. R-I
Kiera Holcer	Meadville R-IV
Brooke Horton	Chillicothe R-II
Sierra King	Sherwood Cass R-VIII
Danae Lammers	Pilot Grove C-4
Faith Littlejohn	Plato R-V
Ashley Luebbering	Cole Camp R-I
Fayeth Millard	Fair Play R-II
Reagan Moody	Sherwood Cass R-VIII
Grant Norfleet	Mexico 59
Jade Nuttle	Santa Fe R-X
Anna Scheperle	Jamestown C-1
Noah Scrivener	Leeton R-X
Jasmine Stewart	Macon Co. R-I
Cassidy Warren	Concordia R-II
Paige West	Jefferson C-123

**\*\* Please join me in congratulating these individuals! Check out the MARE website at [MARE](http://MARE) to see a feature article with photos of our HS Scholarship recipients!**

## **MARE Membership Invoices for 2021-2022**

-We truly appreciate all of our MARE member school districts. Invoices for school districts will be sent out in mid-June. Remember that with your membership each district receives 1 copy of the Missouri School Directory. Please review the information for your district on the DESE website (Core Data Screens) and be sure to have updated information (new Superintendent, tax levy and assessed valuation numbers entered, etc. by August 24th so that accurate and up-to-date information will be included in the 2021-2022 School Directory which will be distributed in early September.

## **2021 Health Office Orientation**

- The Missouri Association of Rural Education (MARE) is partnering with the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) School Health Program and the Missouri Association of School Nurses (MASN) to offer an orientation for health office staff.

**Date and Location:** Due to the continued circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Office Orientation will again be offered as a *virtual* training and orientation package. Learning modules will be posted and the link to accessing the required modules will be shared upon registration. An online live event will be held to allow participants to come together and share their challenges and concerns, and talk with our faculty in follow up to the learning modules, asking questions and clarifying how to apply the materials to their school nursing practice.

**Purpose:** This virtual workshop provides a series of online modules to assist in orienting nurses without prior work experience in schools and an overview of information regarding school nursing practice.

Areas to be addressed include: general school nurse responsibilities, immunizations, communicable diseases, documentation, chronic disease management, medication administration training and screenings- vision, hearing, dental; as well as review of practices in Special Education Services; Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), and child abuse reporting.

**Who should attend:** Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses who have not previously worked in schools, and new health office staff in schools, working without the benefit of a LPN or RN supervisor.

**Cost:** No cost for registration.

### **Registration:**

[https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3UvpdwTWAVyWOW2](https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3UvpdwTWAVyWOW2)

☐ **Deadline for Registration is July 23, 2021**

After confirmation of your registration, the School Health Program will send the information for accessing the learning modules, additional program information and the schedule of dates for completing the materials and the virtual interactive live meeting.

*(Note: The emails are sent manually, so you will not receive an automatic confirmation response)*

**For additional workshop information contact Barb at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services [Barbara.Spaw@health.mo.gov](mailto:Barbara.Spaw@health.mo.gov) or by phone (816) 521-7727.**

## **Missouri Tobacco Quitline Information**

Availability of Missouri Tobacco Quitline Services for adolescents?

The image below is hyperlinked to the Quitline registration page where your school contacts can refer students by selecting the referral button at the top of the screen.

[cid:image001.jpg@01D7368A.56928A70]<<https://www.quitnow.net/mve/quitnow?qnclient=missouri>>

Thank you in advance for your help - I appreciate it!

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## **EdCounsel Insights - Podcast PD Opportunities**

We are excited to share our new podcast, *EdCounsel Insights*, is now available for school leaders. Our attorneys offer weekly segments on hot topics in Missouri education as well as routine legal issues that come up throughout the year.

In our most recent podcast episode entitled, "[Leaders and the Law: A Conversation with Paul Ziegler](#)," Paul and I explore the differences in how school lawyers and school leaders view legal issues and how school leaders can approach legal problem solving in their daily practice.

*EdCounsel Insights* is professional learning from your desk, your car, your kitchen, or even on a walk; the podcast offers discussion from our attorney team and special guests on day-to-day legal issues so school leaders can do their job effectively, productively, and within appropriate legal bounds.

*EdCounsel Insights* was created to be accessible and responsive in serving school leaders. We hope you will share this new resource with your MARE membership. *EdCounsel Insights* is available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify. We also post episodes on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn and encourage your members to follow, share, and retweet. Likewise, if your members have suggested topics they would like to hear, please do not hesitate to contact us.

[EdCounsel website](#)

**Legislative News** - Please stay vigilant over the next three (3) weeks as several pieces of harmful legislation will likely be debated and brought to votes.

<https://house.mo.gov/> and <https://www.senate.mo.gov/>

**MARE/MO K-8 Fall Conference** - Make plans now to join us for the 2021 MARE/MO K-8 Conference which will be held Wednesday, October 20th through Friday, October 22nd at the Lodge of Four Seasons. Help us reach our goal of 200 attendees! Information will be mailed out in June and posted to the website!

**Missouri Boys State & Missouri Girls State** - MARE is a proud supporter of both of these organizations. Due to the cancellations of these events from last year, MARE will be supporting four (4) candidates for each gathering in 2021. MARE supports (pays sponsorship fees) for candidates from MARE member school districts across the state!

## **MARE Partners With UMB to Offer a New Purchasing Card Program**

MARE is thrilled to announce our new partnership with UMB to offer school districts across the state an opportunity to utilize a new purchasing card program that benefits individual districts that participate, MARE as an organization and MOCAAT as well. For more information on this exciting new program please note the information below.



## UMB Missouri Capital Asset Advantage Treasury Consortium

### Experience the Value of a Consortium

UMB and MOCAAT have partnered to create a Purchasing Card Consortium that aggregates the spend of all participant's to maximize each participant's rebate. Participants can utilize the purchasing card without disrupting current banking relationships.

### UMB MOCAAT Consortium Benefits

- No minimum level of spend to receive the rebate
- No average transaction requirements
- Rebate level driven by the consortium participant's aggregate spend
- No annual card fees
- No implementation or training fees
- Dedicated local relationship and service team to help maximize your program

### For more information contact

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**11th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament** - The 11th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 19th at the beautiful Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Information for this year's event is linked below:

[2021 MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament Flyer](#)

[Golf Tournament Sponsorship Information](#)

[2021 Golf Tournament Registration Form](#)

**Please come out and join us this year! We will accept the first 36 teams to register!**

**NREA News** - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Weekly Update - April 23, 2021](#), [NREA Weekly Update - April 16, 2021](#)

## **Quote of the Week**

“The school is the last expenditure upon which America should be willing to economize.”  
**Franklin D. Roosevelt**

**MARE Board Training Opportunities** - MARE will offer the required Board Training for newly elected or appointed Board members on the following dates and at the noted locations:

## **MARE Board Training Dates – 2021**

### **Southeast Missouri - Poplar Bluff, MO – Holiday Inn – (573) 712-9021**

Friday, May 21, 2021 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, May 22, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### **West Central Missouri - Warrensburg, MO - Comfort Inn - (660) 429-4848**

Friday, June 11, 2021 - (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 12, 2021 - (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### **Northeast Missouri - Pike-Lincoln Technical Center - Eolia, MO**

Friday, June 11, 2021 - (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 12, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### **Southwest Missouri - Bolivar, MO - Comfort Inn - (417) 326-6169**

Friday, June 25, 2021 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 26, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### **Northwest Missouri - Maryville, MO - Holiday Inn Express (660) 562-9949**

Friday, July 16, 2021 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, July 17, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### **Lake Ozark, MO – The Lodge of the Four Seasons (Conference)**

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Thursday, October 21, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### **Lake Ozark, MO - The Lodge of the Four Seasons (Deadline to register - November 19th!)**

Friday, December 10, 2021 (12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, December 11, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

To register for these in-person training events, please access the form found on the MARE website or contact Kevin Sandlin at (660) 747-8050 or by email at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

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