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FROM THE DESK OF MR. KEVIN SANDLIN, MARE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Open Enrollment – Stand Up and Be Counted! - For the past several legislative sessions of the Missouri General Assembly, the issue of open enrollment for all Missouri school districts has been debated. This proposed legislation is going to be debated again this year during the 2023 legislative session. We believe that this issue will be taken up quickly in the Missouri House. A copy of this House Bill 253 sponsored by Representative Brad Pollitt is attached for your consideration.

Most statewide education groups, organizations, and cooperatives are opposed to open enrollment. A number of conversations and meetings have been held as groups have begun to collaborate regarding this important issue and how we can work together to provide our respective memberships with information and ideas to voice their opposition. The first piece of this collaboration is a proposed resolution opposing open enrollment. Duane Martin (EdCounsel) has drafted a sample resolution (attached) so that administrators, in conjunction with their boards of education, can proactively take a stand in opposition to open enrollment and share that information with their local representatives and senators.

It is the opinion of many associations that open enrollment is not good for local school districts or public education in general within our state. Attached to this message is a list of some of the major talking points against open enrollment that you can share with your board and other constituents within your community.

It is my firm conviction that it is time for our local school districts to stand up and be heard regarding this damaging and potentially devastating legislation. Our goal is to secure 350-400 or more resolutions in opposition to open enrollment. We believe that this will send a clear message to our representatives and senators and that our efforts will have an impact on the discussions and votes that will be held when this issue comes up. I am respectfully asking that you share all of this information with your local BOE, have the conversation regarding open enrollment and pass a resolution in opposition.

If you do take this action, please scan and send me a copy of the signed resolution for my records. If I can answer any further questions, please reach out to me. Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

[HB 253 - Open Enrollment](#)

[Open Enrollment - Board Resolution in Opposition](#)

[Open Enrollment - Talking Points](#)

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [January 6, 2023 NREA Weekly Update](#), [January 13, 2023 NREA Weekly Update](#)

Quote of the Week - To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Superintendent Search Program – MARE has been retained to conduct the following Superintendent Searches:

Green Ridge R-VIII Superintendent Search – Dr. Jerry Cochran is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 596-3184 or at cochranj115@gmail.com.

Deadline is 01/16/2023!

Nodaway Holt R-VII Superintendent Search – Dr. Jerry Cochran is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 596-3184 or at cochranj115@gmail.com.

Deadline is 1/16/2023!

Crawford Co. R-I Superintendent Search – Mrs. Mary Beth Scherer is the Search Consultant. She can be reached by phone at (660) 281-7678 or at mbscherer@ucmo.edu.

Deadline is 1/19/2023!

South Iron Co. R-I Acting Superintendent Search – Mr. Darryl Pannier is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (573) 803-9008 or at darrylpannier@yahoo.com. **Deadline is TBA!**


Glenwood R-VIII Superintendent Search – Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. He can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or at 19mj46@charter.net. **Deadline is 2/10/2023!**

MARE Scholarship Information – MARE awarded a total of 53 scholarships last year including 23 - \$1,000.00 scholarships to college juniors/seniors and 30 - \$500.00 scholarships to graduating seniors from MARE member school districts. Proceeds from the annual golf tournament are our primary source of funding for scholarships. Due to the generous support of many of our Associate Members and other donors, we will be awarding additional scholarships during 2023! Information has been sent out & posted for both scholarships!


HS Senior Applications – Deadline 3/10/23, College Applications – Deadline 3/31/23!

Teach United Information

Small and rural schools face unique challenges everyday. **Missouri administrator, Heidi Beatty**, recently chatted with TeachUNITED about some of the hurdles she faces in her small Northwest Missouri school, as well as what excites her for the future. [Read the full interview here](#). TeachUNITED also has limited spots still available in their January Administrator Program Cohort. Contact partnerships@teachunited.org to sign up!



Sharing Insights.
Heidi Beatty, Principal
Northeast Nodaway R-V School



Developing collaborative partnerships is one way to reduce educational isolation for rural teachers and school leaders. TeachUNITED recently reached out to Heidi Beatty, PreK-12 Principal of Northeast Nodaway R-V School in Ravenwood, Missouri to understand her perspective on the situation facing her rural school and how data-driven solutions are paramount in today's rural education climate.

MARE Board Training Opportunities - MARE will provide Board Training in 2023 for newly elected or appointed BOE members according to this schedule

MARE Board Training Dates – 2023

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

- Friday, May 19, 2023 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, May 20, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

West Central Missouri - Warrensburg, MO – Best Western - (660) 747-3000

- Friday, June 09, 2023 - (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 10, 2023 - (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Northeast Missouri - Kirksville, MO - Holiday Inn Express (660) 956-4682

- Friday, June 16, 2023- (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 17, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 23, 2023 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 24, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, July 14, 2023 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, July 15, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Wednesday, October 18, 2023 (11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, October 19, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- **Friday, December 08, 2023 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)**
- **Saturday, December 09, 2023 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

To register, please complete the form found on our website and fax to (660) 747-8160, scan and email to ksandlin@moare.com, or go online (www.moare.com).

13th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament

The 13th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 17th at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri.

Over the past three years, MARE, with support from the key sponsors who support the Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament (Veregy (Formerly CTS Group), StepUP Consulting, UMB Bank, L.J. Hart & Company, MEUHP, Missouri Propane Gas Association, SIC Roofing, Performance Services, Mickes O'Toole, LLC, Missouri Educators Health Group, Forrest T. Jones & Company, Guin Mundorf, LLC, American Fidelity, Tueth Keeney Cooper Mohan & Jackstadt, P.C., LearnSafe & MOCAAT; Hole Sponsors (EdCounsel, LLC, MRTA, MU-SIC, Tueth Keeney, P.C., GRP WEGMAN Company, NREA, Hamlin Energy, Reynolds Construction & Commercial Roofing, Central States Bus, Gilmore Bell, Apple Bus, Navitas, Universal Construction, K12itc, Sunshine Dental Associates, Audio Enhancement,

MET/Gallagher, Wagner Portrait Group, Bukaty Companies (Jeff Walstrom), Gator Graphics, Integrated Facility Services, Missouri Goodwill Excel) and those who provided prizes and played, has provided fifty-four (54) \$1,000.00 scholarships. We plan to present 20-25 \$1,000.00 scholarships this year alone!

Registration is now open and we will accept the first thirty-six (36) paid teams and commit slots to them. **Our format is different this year, with registration slated from 9:30-11:45 a.m., lunch from 10:45-11:45 a.m. and a shotgun start of 12:00 noon. Flight winners and the prize giveaway will immediately follow the event at approximately 5:00 p.m.** Please access the appropriate forms below to complete and send in to secure your slot. If you cannot support this as a Corporate Sponsor, Team Sponsor or Hole Sponsor but would like to help out, please consider donating gift cards or golf related items (hats, golfballs, tees, gloves, clubs, etc.) so that we can hold down our costs and award more in scholarship prizes. For more information, please contact Kevin Sandlin at (660) 747-8050 or by email at ksandlin@moare.com.

Registration deadline is Friday, July 7th, 2023!

[2023 Golf Tournament Flyer](#)

[2023 MARE Golf Tournament Sponsorship Information](#)

[2023 Golf Tournament Registration Form](#)

National Center for Rural School Mental Health Opportunity

I visited with Dr. Lou Ann Tanner-Jones recently about this grant opportunity. I would highly encourage our member districts to reach out to her and consider taking part in this study. I am confident it will greatly benefit your district, especially your students.



National Center for
Rural School Mental Health

Exciting opportunity! Your school or co-op is invited to participate in a study focused on improving the capacity of rural schools to support student emotional and behavioral well-being. Participating schools will be randomly assigned to either receive data reports and consultation versus receiving reports in Spring and consultation the following year.

Project Description

Schools will be **randomly** assigned to two groups: intervention schools and control schools.

2022-2023 (Year 1)	
Intervention schools (Get Now)	Control schools (Get Later)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ \$1500 participation stipend ✓ School climate survey and reports ✓ Early Intervention System (EIS), a universal social emotional screener and reports ✓ EIS intervention hub and professional development ✓ Monthly consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ \$1000 participation stipend ✓ School climate survey and reports ✓ Early Intervention System (EIS) universal social emotional screener in Spring)
2023-2024 (Year 2)	
Intervention schools	Control Schools
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- ✓ Early Intervention System (EIS) universal social emotional screening reports
- ✓ EIS intervention hub and professional development
- ✓ Monthly consultation

All participating schools will have free access to all materials and tools following participation in year 1.

School Data Collection Requirements

All participating schools:

- Complete a school climate survey in the fall and spring.
- Complete universal social emotional and behavioral screening in fall and spring (teacher and students)

Interested? For more information or questions contact:

Lou Ann Tanner-Jones, PhD, NCSP

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Brain Injury Association of Missouri - Seminars

**Sports Concussions:
Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers**

Attendance is Free, but Registration is Required.

[Register Now](#)

Seminar Options

Western Missouri - Monday, February 27, 2023

7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene

11811 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO 64114

Central Missouri - Thursday, March 2, 2023

7:30 am - 1:30 pm

Missouri State High School Activities Association

1 N. Keene St., Columbia, MO 65201

Eastern Missouri - Friday, March 3, 2023

7:30 am - 1:30 pm

SSM Health St. Clare Hospital

1015 Bowles Ave., Fenton, MO 63026

Online

Friday, March 3, 2023, live presentations of Eastern Missouri Seminar, 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

March 15 - May 15, 2023, archive recordings of Eastern Missouri Seminar Sessions

Seminar Sessions

Concussion Signs and Symptoms

Myth Busters

Research Update

Awareness For All: Teaching Others About Concussions

Concussion Care Continuum Know the Roles

Know When to Advocate for Concussed Youth

**FREE ADMISSION
REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

[Register Online Now!](#)

Download a [Registration Form](#) and fax to (314) 426-3290.

Register by phone at (314) 426-4024 or (800) 444-6443.



Attendees

- School, Community, and Recreational Sports Team Personnel
- Coaches - All sports, all ages, paid or volunteer
- Athletic Program Administrators
- Licensed Athletic Trainers
- Game Officials
- Classroom Teachers
- School Nurses
- PE Teachers
- School Counselors
- School Administrators
- School Board Members

Statewide Program Partners

- Brain Injury Association of Missouri
- Department of Health and Senior Services
- Missouri Association of Rural Education
- Missouri Association of School Nurses
- Missouri Athletic

Sponsorship Opportunities

Your Sponsorship for the BIA-MO *Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers* education will help keep this program free-of-charge for coaches, athletic program administrators, school nurses, PE teachers and others instrumental in concussion care for young athletes.

It will also showcase your commitment for proper concussion management to protect student athletes.

To discuss your Sponsorship, contact:

Maureen Cunningham, Executive Director
Brain Injury Association of Missouri

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MCunningham@biamo.org

(314) 426-4024

Trainers' Association

- Missouri State High School Activities Association
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