



MARE Focus

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ENDORSEMENTS

American Fidelity Assurance Co.

Claim Care, Inc.

CTS Group

Erate Program, LLC

Forrest T. Jones & Co.

Grandview R-II Virtual SS

IMS

L.J. Hart & Company

MEUHP

Mike Keith Insurance

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MO. Consultants for Ed.

Pro-Energy Solutions

SOCs
MARE PARTNERSHIPS

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

MARE Superintendent Searches - MARE has been retained to assist with the Superintendent Search at:

Sturgeon R-V School District – Dr. Craig Eaton is the Search Consultant. He may be reached at (660) 492-0811 or craigdeaton87@gmail.com. **Deadline to submit an application is Friday, March 2nd!**

Other Vacancies

Lonedell R-XIV Special Education Director

New MARE Facilitated School Services Agreement

The MARE Executive Board is pleased to announce our latest facilitated school services agreement (endorsement) with MASA Medical Transport Solutions. Medical Transport Solutions offers an outstanding insurance benefit program that provides medical emergency transportation (ground and air) and covers the individual's out of pocket medical transport costs when the insurance falls short. With MASA Medical Transport Solutions you have ZERO out of pocket expenses for any emergent air or ground transport, regardless of who transports you. MASA offers three different plan options and can either be structured as an employee purchased benefit through monthly payroll deduct or as a district provided benefit paid monthly. Our Missouri Regional Sales Director is Mr. Andrew Zink. He can be reached by phone at (314) 540-5729 or by email at azink@masamts.com. Your participation in this program not only benefits your district employees, but it also benefits the MARE organization. **This program is available for our Associate Members and other businesses and organizations as well!** For more information on this exciting program, please check out the links below:

[MASA MTS Product Pricing Guide](#)

[MASA MTS Platinum Information](#)

[MTS Emergent Tri-Fold](#)

MARE Scholarship Programs – The Missouri Association of Rural Education sponsors two scholarship programs. The first program is open to any Missouri college junior or senior who is majoring in education. Application materials have been sent to all Missouri colleges that have a teacher education program. The second program is open to seniors of MARE member school districts. Eligible students must be planning to pursue a degree in education. Information regarding this program has been sent out to all High School Counselors, For an application and more information, access the links below:

[2018 MARE College Scholarship Guidelines and Application](#)

[2018 MARE High School Senior Scholarship Guidelines and Application](#)

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.

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! Kent Rader (The World's Cleanest Comedian and Speaker) has been booked as our Keynote Speaker!

School Board Training Dates – Board Training opportunity:

February 2nd & 3rd at the Holiday Inn in Poplar Bluff, Missouri

To register, please access the form at [MARE Board Training Registration Form](#) or visit our website at www.moare.com.

Several regional Board Trainings will be conducted after the April elections!

Legal Articles – New articles have been added in the past few weeks! 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.

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.

Region C MARE Board Representative – The MARE Executive Board has appointed Dr. Daniel Humble, Superintendent at Galena R-II, to fill the vacant seat for Region C. The term for this appointment runs through June 30, 2019. Region C includes the following counties: Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, Greene, Webster, Newton, Christian, McDonald, Berry, Stone and Taney. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Humble to the MARE Board.

Sports Concussion Workshops

– A series of workshops entitled, “Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers” have been scheduled around the state as follows:

January 29th – St. Louis

February 8th - Springfield

February 2nd – Columbia

February 12th – Kansas City

February 6th – Cape Girardeau

For more information regarding this informative workshop, please access the following links:

[Sports Concussion Information Flyer](#)

[Sports Concussion Registration Form](#)

USDOE Requesting Information

– The USDOE is requesting information to help address the ever-growing opioid crisis facing rural communities. Please send your responses to the following questions to me (ksandlin@moare.com) and I will forward on to Dr. Allen Pratt at NREA:

- 1) Are there any school leaders who have found successful approaches in dealing with the issue?
- 2) Are there any particular methods that have had positive results?
- 3) What are some of the state and local districts doing to combat the problem and its effects?
- 4) What are some things that state and local districts are looking for to help address the issue?

Quote of the Week

“Love is a better teacher than duty.” - Albert Einstein

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