



MARE Focus

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MARE Membership - Our organization simply could not exist or provide the services, products and benefits to our member school districts without the support of both our 381 member school districts ([2020-2021 MARE Membership](#)) and our generous MARE Associate Members ([2020-2021 Associate Members](#)). **Invoices for our school district members were mailed on June 18th. If you did not receive an invoice, please contact me.** If you do not see your name on the attached membership list and would like to become a member of MARE, please email me at ksandlin@moare.com or call the office at (660) 747-8050. Access this link ([MARE Membership Benefits](#)) to see a flyer that shares some of the many benefits that your MARE membership provides for the affordable cost of \$400.00 per year for K-8 districts or \$500.00 per year for K-12 districts!

EdCounsel, LLC - July 20th Summer Legal Seminar - The scheduled in-person Legal Seminar prior to the MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament on Monday, July 20th has been cancelled. More information will be shared this week by EdCounsel regarding their upcoming virtual Legal Seminars!

Boardworks Webinar - Please consider joining our friends at Boardworks as they share information on empowering teachers and improving comprehension!

"Keeping Teacher's Teaching in a Virtual World" hosted by Boardworks Education Empowering every teacher to engage students and improve comprehension across all learning environments.

Tuesday August 4th at 9a CST

Link to Register: <https://forms.gle/PR1r3MXR9yN9t9FA8>

Learning Blade Information

MO Introduce Students to STEM and Computer Science Careers Through Learning Blade®

Start the school year right by exposing students to high-demand STEM and Computer Science careers. At no charge, use Learning Blade's 200+ hours of interactive STEM and Computer Science activities to show your students how these careers and technologies solve human-centered problems. Great for in-class as

Interactive Career Awareness Toolbox



well as blended or distance learning. Over 400 online interactive student-ready interactive lessons plus downloadable lessons for hands-on projects, design thinking, 3D printing, coding, career videos and parent discussions are all offered through Learning Blade. (Grades 5-9)

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has provided Learning Blade® to offer middle school students more opportunities for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and Computer Science (CS) career awareness. Receive your school's free account by registering at www.LearningBlade.com/MO.

Register for free 60-minute PD/training by clicking this link - <https://conta.cc/38Orh1D>
Contact info@learningblade.com to request a webinar training or ask questions.

"I love it. Kids find Learning Blade challenging and interesting. I really like that they get to know different occupations. We are out here away from the city and the students don't get to see these careers."

Jane Wehmeyer, Math Teacher, Mansfield High School

DESE Supported Online STEM and Computer Science Career Awareness Program (Zoom)

MARE is excited to share with its members free access to Learning Blade's **interactive toolbox** which provides **over 400 online lessons** connecting your students to **more than 100 STEM and Computer Science careers and technologies**.

Thursday, August 6

9:00 am - 10:00 am pm CST

Wednesday, August 12

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm CST

Wednesday, August 19

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CST

The online lessons are aligned to Missouri State Standards grade 5-9 and are appropriate for supplementing lessons in a variety of classroom settings, including RTI,STEM, Science, Math, English, Coding Block, and more! Please join the webinar to learn how to use the system.

Share what you are doing and tag **@LearningBlade!**

Learning Blade | (423) 521-2309 | Info@LearningBlade.com

MARE Board Training Program Update - Please note the scheduled training opportunities below:

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

- **Wednesday, October 21, 2020 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)**
- **Thursday, October 22, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

*****PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ANY NEW BOARD MEMBER(S) NEEDING THE EIGHTEEN AND ONE-HALF (18.5) HOURS OF REQUIRED TRAINING.**

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) and complete the electronic form found under Board Training.

Dates and locations may change due to unforeseen circumstances!!!

MARE Welcomes PMA Financial Network, LLC - MARE is pleased to welcome PMA Financial Network, LLC as a New Associate Member.

PMA is here to help your community thrive. For over 35 years, public entities like yours have turned to PMA as a trusted partner and integral component of their long-term financial success. With billions of dollars invested annually, PMA provides over 3,200 public entities with a diverse lineup of customized financial solutions through a team of highly experienced professionals and some of the most innovative technology available. PMA has earned a reputation in the public sector for developing financial solutions that work. To see more information, please click on this link [PMA Financial Network, LLC](#)

MARE Welcomes EduOptimus as New Associate Member

MARE is pleased to welcome Amy Youngblood and EduOptimus as our newest Associate Member. Since 2013 EduOptimus has been providing high-quality professional development to help educators and districts strengthen teaching and learning. We are able to support teachers and leaders with engaging whole and small group sessions, classroom modeling and coaching, and curriculum implementation. EduOptimus believes each school district is unique and works to create professional development to meet your district's goals when providing services. We can support your district in Mathematics, Science, ELA, Formative and Summative Assessments, Curriculum Implementation, High-Impact Instructional Strategies in the physical classroom and High-Impact Instructional Strategies for distance learning.

To discuss how we can support you, please contact Amy Youngblood amy@eduoctimus.com or visit our website www.eduoctimus.com.

Summer Law Workshop Schedule - Please access the links below for the latest information on the various Summer Law Workshop schedules from our partners at EdCounsel, Guin Mundorf, Mickes O'Toole and Tueth Keeney.

[EdCounsel, LLC 2020 Summer Law Workshops](#)
[Guin Mundorf, LLC 2020 Summer Law Seminar Schedule](#)
[Mickes O'Toole Annual Legal Seminar](#)
[Tueth Keeney 2020 Law Seminar Schedule](#)

Scholarship Program Information - Listed below are the individuals who received scholarships through our two scholarship programs this year:

MARE/EdCounsel HS Senior Scholarship Program

Kayleigh Bates, Ariana Carmichael, Kesly Carrington, Eva Clubbs, Chelsie Collins, LaKota Collins-Honeycutt, Hanah Corpening, Reagan Hill, Lauren Hoerstkamp, Alexander Jackson, Ashlyn Lewis, Bailey Lynn, Clinton McGill, Brendan Myers, Kortney Nelson, Conner Orgill, Lydia Otten, Grace Parrott, Travis Patrick, Kennedy Ponder, Canton Post, Colbe Radford, Saedee Sherwood, Hailey Stewart, Mariah Taylor, Carlos Valdez, Abigail Verts, Dawson Wheeler and Madelyn Wilford

MARE College Scholarship Program

Luella Yoder - University of Central Missouri
Lynsie Boling - Hannibal-LaGrange University

Madeline Goehman - Central Methodist University
Kaylyn Bryant - Missouri State University
Madeline Phillips - Missouri Southern State University
Audrey Williams - Lincoln University
Abigail Bilyeu - Missouri State University
Tayler Allen - Central Methodist University
Addilyn Hays - Central Methodist University
Bailey Owens - Northwest Missouri State University
Abigail Naylor - Central Methodist University
Kendey Eaton - Northwest Missouri State University
Michael Willhite - Southwest Baptist University
Alan Ottman - Northwest Missouri State University
Zachary Studdard - Missouri State University

** Photos and other information will be posted to the MARE website at www.moare.com soon regarding these students!!

Please join me in congratulating all of these students!

Board Refresher Training - New Videos Coming - We are in the early phases of planning to produce a new Board Refresher Training video for the 2020-2021 school year. Along with information on the prevention of sexual abuse of children, the video will contain other useful information for current Board members. If you have suggestions for topics to be covered in the new video, please share that information with me by calling (660) 747-8050 or emailing me at ksandlin@moare.com. **A link to the video will be shared with all MARE member school districts in late August or early September!**

2020 MARE/MO K-8 Conference - Scheduled on October 21-23, 2020 at the Lodge of Four Seasons. **Please make plans now to attend this growing event!** We will have five legal sessions, a Legal Panel, presentations from Dr. Margie Vandeven, Dr. Kari Monsees, Dr. Chris Neale, DESE Special Education, Federal Programs, "Outstanding Rural Awards" Luncheon, two receptions, great food, vendor hall, and many other opportunities to grow, learn and collaborate.

Please access the links for Conference Registration, Exhibitor Registration, Call for Presentations and Outstanding Rural Education Awards found on the cover of this MARE Focus article!

10th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament - The Missouri Association of Rural Education will be hosting our 10th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament on Monday, July 20th at the beautiful Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. **We are still accepting sponsorships and registrations at this point, but our final cutoff deadline is rapidly approaching!** If you have questions regarding this event, please reach out directly to me at (660) 747-8050 or by email at ksandlin@moare.com.

[Golf Sponsorship Information](#)
[Golf Tournament Registration](#)
[2020 Golf Tournament Flyer](#)

2020 Health Office Orientation - 2020 Health Office Orientation Updated

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: The unusual circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic event has caused us to re-think and adjust the plan for the annual program. This year, the Health Office Orientation will 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_0iZzZFVt9VQyvYh

Deadline for Registration is July 24, 2020

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 call Heather at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services at (573) 526-5872 or email: Heather.McClure@health.mo.gov

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on this link: [NREA News](#)

Quote of the Week

"Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, to be entertained, and delighted."

- Dr. Seuss

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