



MARE Focus

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Superintendent Search Program – MARE has been engaged by the Fairfax R-III Board of Education to facilitate an immediate search for a Superintendent of Schools for the 2025-2026 school year. Please note the short turnaround on this search.

Fairfax R-III Superintendent Search – Dr. Michael Jinks is the Search Consultant. He can be reached at (660) 441-7473 or at 19mj46@charter.net. **The deadline to submit an application is Friday, June 20th.** Applications and other materials are to be sent only through email to him.

Fairfax R-III Superintendent Vacancy Announcement

Fairfax R-III Superintendent Application

Save the Date – The 15th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 21st at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. We will accept the first 36 paid teams for this growing event. Last year’s event raised over \$35,900.00 for scholarships for students interested in teaching in rural Missouri schools.

Plan now to join us!

Golfers Needed – If you are a golfer and interested in playing in our Scholarship Golf Tournament on Monday, July 21st, please reach out to me at ksandlin@moare.com. I will likely have openings on some of our teams supported by amazing sponsors!

Foundation Formula Modernization Task Force – The Governor’s Appointed Task Force met for the first time on Monday, June 2nd at the Truman Building in Jefferson City. The group is scheduled to meet again on Monday, June 23rd from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Truman Building to continue the discussion. There was a lot of interesting comments, discussion and opinions shared during the initial meeting. It is imperative that school leaders, community patrons and other interested parties attend these meetings to hear the conversations and to let those sitting around the table know that we care and we want our voices heard throughout this process. It is a monumental task that they have been commissioned to accomplish. Please consider joining us at the next meeting!

Missouri Job Board for Educators

Please access the newly created DESE-sponsored Missouri Educator Job Board at this link www.hirenimble.com/connect/missouri

Share this information with those looking for teaching positions in our great state!

Enjoy Your Summer!

MARE Scholarship Information – MARE will award a total of 65 (up from 61 last year) scholarships this year including 22 - \$1,000.00 scholarships to college juniors/seniors & 43 - \$750.00 scholarships to graduating seniors from MARE member school districts = **Total of \$54,250.00 (up from \$51,500 last year)**. Since 2017, MARE has awarded \$316,250.00 in scholarships to students interested in becoming teachers! (**Articles on website soon!**)

Have a Wonderful Summer! We appreciate you!

NREA Announces New Executive Director



NREA Appoints Dr. Melissa Sadorf
as New Executive Director



The NREA is proud to announce Dr. Melissa Sadorf as their new Executive Director, effective June 1. **[Name of Org]** is proud to be a State Affiliate of the NREA and we welcome Dr. Sadorf to her new role. Read more in NREA's official press release: <https://www.nrea.net/dr-melissa-sadorf-new-exec>

Welcome New District Members - MARE is pleased to welcome Moberly & Malta Bend R-V as district members! Welcome to the MARE family of 425 districts!

Save the Date – The 2025 MARE/MO K-8 Conference will be held on October 22-24, 2025 at the Lodge of Four Seasons. Plans are underway to make this our biggest and best ever. Please block this on your calendar now and make plans to join us! I promise you will have a great time and learn a lot! More information will be posted on the website and appear in an upcoming MARE Focus. Our goal this year is 325 in attendance!

Conference Vendors Encouraged to Join Us – Associates and Vendors are encouraged to sign up to join us at our upcoming MARE/MO K-8 Conference, slated for October 22nd through October 24th at the Lodge of Four Seasons. Our conference continues to grow each year! We invite you to join us and get to know our rural leaders from all across our great state!

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Thanks for Your Service in Education!

MARE Board Training Calendar for 2025

MARE Board Training Dates – 2025

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

- Friday, June 20, 2025 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 21, 2025 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

West Central Missouri - Warrensburg, MO – Quality Inn - (660) 747-3000

- Friday, June 27, 2025 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 28, 2025 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, July 11, 2025 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, July 12, 2025 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Wednesday, October 22, 2025 (11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- Thursday, October 23, 2025 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Lake Ozark, MO - The Lodge of the Four Seasons

- Friday, December 5, 2025 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, December 6, 2025 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

***** Please share this information with any new Board member who has not completed the 18.5 hours of required training! MARE is an approved Board Training provider!**

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.

Quote of the Week

Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers who can cut through argument, debate and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand." –Gen. Colin Powell

Lucas & Associates ID Shield Opportunity

No Cost Benefit for High Peace of Mind Coverage

Dear MARE Superintendents,

As you are focused on finishing the school year, I want to ask you to consider the following before you close the books on the year.

As 2024 was the MOST invasive breaches to date in our country, and AI adding even more challenges to this already complex problem, I have some special pricing for you and your staff to take advantage of with *no cost to your district*.

Why IDShield?

- Over 125 districts in Missouri offer IDShield as their comprehensive personal information, online reputation and cybersecurity protection, at **no direct cost** to the district when they make it available as a voluntary benefit.
- With an effective date no later than 8.1.25, I can offer your district **a 44% savings** to add this coverage to your employee benefits.

All you need to do is call me today so I can show you how easy this is to implement. Schedule a brief chat [here](#)

Cathy Lucas

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MU's National Center for Rural School Mental Health - We are actively recruiting 35 more rural MO schools to join us in this randomized control trial research project this fall. Check out the link below to learn more!



<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/nvyI1UPzGaH1fD4t?ref=email&loc=play>

Missouri School Plant Managers Association – MSPMA is offering scholarships for district leaders to attend their Fall Conference on September 28-30, 2025 in Branson! For more information, visit the Missouri School Plant Managers Association website.

STEM & CTE Career Pathways Leadership Cohort

We're excited to invite you to learn how to join the **STEM & CTE Career Pathways Leadership Cohort Information Webinars** hosted by Learning Blade in partnership with DESE. Only 20-25 teachers will be selected to participate in the actual cohort that will take place in the 2025-2026 school year. Participation in the cohort will give teachers the opportunity to:

- Increase educator capacity to motivate students through real-world STEM and CTE career connections.
- Build and refine leadership skills.
- Connect with fellow educators who are equally passionate about career readiness.
- Enhance professional reputation and become a thought leader in STEM and CTE education.
- Be recognized for their work statewide, which will be highlighted to state education leaders, professional organizations, and through public platforms such as social media and press releases.
- Obtain professional development hours.

These information sessions are a great opportunity for teachers to learn how to participate in the **STEM & CTE Career Pathways Leadership Cohort** to expand access to STEM and CTE career paths in rural Missouri.

What:

Increase your capacity to impact rural communities in Missouri and motivate students to increase STEM skills and pursue STEM and CTE career paths. Grow as an educator leader in the state to impact educators and elevate the significance of STEM and CTE pathways.

Informational Webinar Dates:

- Wednesday, September 10
- Wednesday, September 17
- Wednesday, September 24

Time: 4:00 PM CT

Here's the link to [REGISTER NOW.](#)

Need your free Learning Blade account? Go to www.LearningBlade.com/MO.

For more information, please contact Dr. Michele Linch at michele@learningblade.com.

What You Do Matters Each Day!

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