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

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Superintendent Search Program – Below is a listing of leaders placed through MARE facilitated searches this year. Please join me in welcoming these individuals to their various new roles!

Closed Searches – South Holt Co. R-I (Ms. Jean Meyer), Marion Co. R-II (Mrs. Savannah O'Bryan), North Andrew R-VI (Mr. Josh Barker), La Plata R-II (Dr. Lucas McKinnis), Sullivan (Assistants – Mr. Matt Perego & Mrs. Becky Jones), Spring Bluff R-XV (Mr. Brad Landwehr - AP), Scott City R-I (Mr. Lance Amick), Shelby Co. R-IV (Dr. Billy Daleske), Central R-III (Assistant – Mr. Zech Payne), Ralls Co. R-II (Mr. David Koogler), Spokane R-VII (Mr. Kent Doyle), Ash Grove R-IV (Dr. Shane Medlin), Kennett 39 (Dr. Richard Leeker), St. Clair R-XIII (Mrs. Melissa Husereau), Van Far R-I (Dr. Natalie Gibson), Chadwick R-I (Mr. Chris Gold), Kingston 42 (Ms. Kadee McMillan), Sherwood Cass R-VIII (Dr. Derrick Hartley), Otterville R-VI (Mr. Dan Kruse), North Shelby (Mr. Joshua Brummit), Craig R-III (Dr. Matt Copeland), Adair Co. R-II (Mr. Cody Moore), Golden City R-III (Mr. Dennis Kimzey) & Ballard R-II (Mr. David Andrade)!

MARE Membership Invoices – We greatly appreciate all of our 420 MARE Member School Districts. Invoices for 2024-2025 will be mailed on Wednesday, June 19th to the Superintendent's Attention. **We are requesting that districts process payment for membership prior to September 1st!** If you are not currently a MARE Member School District, we would love to have you join us. Attached is a list of Current Members and a List of Member Benefits for your consideration.

[2023-2024 MARE Membership by County](#)

[2024 MARE Membership Benefits](#)

Welcome New Member Districts – MARE is pleased to welcome **Blue Eye R-V, Success R-VI, Lutie R-VI and Oak Hill R-I** as new or returning member districts for 2024-2025! Why not consider joining them as members!

Save the Date – The 14th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 15th at Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. We will accept the first 36 paid teams for this event. Last year's event raised over \$34,300.00 to be earmarked for scholarships for students interested in teaching in rural Missouri schools.

MARE Scholarship Information – We awarded thirty-eight (38) \$750.00 scholarships this spring, many at area MASA meetings around the state. We will be awarding twenty-three (23) \$1,000.00 scholarships this summer at our MARE Board Meeting! Since 2017, we have awarded \$262,000 in scholarships through these two programs.

ID Shield Protection for Your District

Dear MARE Superintendents,

I hope your summer is off to a great start!

There is some disturbing news that if you are not aware of how big this problem is, I wanted to bring it to your attention- **Cyber Attacks on School Districts**. Like any problem that arises, it is nice to know that you have options to help your valued staff at no cost to the district!

Schools are easy targets for hackers

One reason for the increase in attacks is that hackers have realized school systems are vulnerable. They often have older computer systems, rely heavily on technology and, Callow points out, "they don't necessarily have cyber security experts on staff."

In many cases, sensitive data about students and staff – including social security numbers, sexual assault records and discipline information – has been stolen. Some of this information can be used to steal identities or redirect payments.

The good news! With over 119 districts in Missouri offering ID Shield as their comprehensive personal information, online reputation and cybersecurity protection, you have the option at no direct cost to your district to make this available as a voluntary benefit offering.

All I wanted to ask today, is for approximately 20 min on your calendar to share how easy this coverage is to implement, how it covers pre-existing conditions and provides private licensed investigators to do the bulk of the work, as well as answer any questions you may have. To make it easier, we can meet over zoom, and here is a [link](#) to my calendar to find a time that is convenient for you.

I look forward to speaking with you soon

Regards

Cathy Lucas

MARE Associate Member



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2024 MARE College Scholarship Award Recipients Named

2024 MARE College Scholarship Recipients

Student

Scholarship Title

Abby Clawson	Howard Heidbrink Scholarship
Morgan Taylor	L. J. Hart & Company Scholarship
Mikayla Green	William G. Peter Scholarship
Kayla Dooley	Philip C. Dorth Scholarship
Gabriella McVey	Frank “Dean” Cone Scholarship
Kacey Feth	David M. Cooper Scholarship
Ashton Stuber	Kenneth W. Cook Scholarship
Anna Rivera	Tom Quinn Scholarship
Sydney Mattson	Ray Doerhoff Scholarship
Gabriella Nagy	Dr. Matt Bushey Scholarship
Grant Breece	Veregy Scholarship
Tracy Anders	STEP Up Scholarship
Sarah Amburgy	SIC Midwest Scholarship
Kiran Lewellyn	Performance Services Scholarship
Aubrey Hardy	Quality Network Solutions Scholarship
Amber Mork	Mark Iglehart Scholarship
John Ryan Dabney	Mickes O’Toole, LLC Scholarship
Caleb Nagel	Guin Mundorf, LLC Scholarship
Emma Caroline Morris	Tueth Keeney, P.C. Scholarship
Christine Kussman	Reynolds Construction Co. Scholarship
Bryce Eoff	American Fidelity Assurance Scholarship
Nolon Carter	iCEV Scholarship
Abigail Blansit	MOCAAT Scholarship

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iCEV Rural Site License Information & Opportunities

MO RURAL SITE LICENSE EMAILS **CURRENT CUSTOMER – EXPANSION**

Did you know that iCEV has courses specific to Missouri, including some core and graduation requirements? Since you are already a valued iCEV customer, we wanted you to know about our Missouri Site License, which is a comprehensive solution for all your CTE and Practical Arts offerings, as well as additional courses aligned and designed for Missouri. [Click here](#) to learn more about iCEV's CTE Curriculum & Solutions for Missouri Districts.

If you are interested in upgrading your current iCEV subscription(s) to a Missouri Site License, please let us know.

If you would like more information, you can email us at: [Calee's Email](#) [Marilyn's Email](#). If you'd like to discuss this, let's connect for 15-20 minutes soon. Book a virtual meeting on our calendars below or give us a call!

Calee's Schedule  [Click here to Schedule](#)

Marilyn's Schedule  [Click here to Schedule](#)

Thank you for being a valued iCEV customer,

Dr. Calee McElwain
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NEW CUSTOMER – POTENTIAL

With this school year coming to an end, we know you are likely planning for the next school year and likely looking at resources for your teachers and students. We can offer you a comprehensive solution for all your CTE and Practical Arts offerings, as well as additional courses aligned and designed for Missouri. Your students and teachers can have access to these courses and much more with the Missouri Rural Site License from iCEV.

As former administrators in charge of purchasing resources, we know that a traditional resource adoption can run anywhere from \$15-\$25/per student per year for just one course. Our resource is a cost-effective solution, providing your district with access to hundreds of courses, not just one. [Click here](#) to learn more about iCEV's CTE Curriculum & Solutions for Missouri Districts.

When would be a good time to connect and discuss?

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Calee's Schedule  [Click here to Schedule](#)

Marilyn's Schedule  [Click here to Schedule](#)

Quote of the Week

"Show class, have pride, and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself."

Bear Bryant

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please access these links: [June 14, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#), [June 21, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#), [June 28, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#)

MARE Board Training Opportunities - MARE will provide Board Training in 2024 for newly elected or appointed BOE members according to this schedule:

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

- **Friday, July 12, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)**
- **Saturday, July 13, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

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

- **Wednesday, October 16, 2024 (11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)**
- **Thursday, October 17, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

Lake Ozark, MO - The Lodge of the Four Seasons

- **Friday, December 6, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)**
- **Saturday, December 7, 2024 (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.

2024 MARE/MO K-8 Conference - October 16th-18th

Make plans now to join us for our annual fall conference on **October 16th-18th** at the beautiful Lodge of the Four Seasons. This event has grown tremendously over the past few years thanks to your support and your willingness to encourage others to attend. We hope to make our 2024 (Education is the Key!) the biggest and best yet! District leaders and vendors are encouraged to put this on your calendars now! We want the MARE/MO K-8 Conference to be your choice event for team building, leadership development and professional growth. We look forward to seeing all of you at the lake!

[MARE/MO K-8 Conference Registration Form](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Exhibitor Registration Form 1](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Exhibitor Registration Form 2](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Outstanding Rural Education Awards Nomination Form](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Call for Presentations Form](#)

[MARE/MO K-8 Room Reservation Link Below](#)

Tip: Right-Click to copy URL

- **Group Direct Booking Link- No login/Attendee Code needed:**
Booking Engine 4.0
URL: <https://reservations.travelclick.com/17336?groupID=4296072>

Conference Theme – Education is the Key!

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