



MARE Focus

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- American Fidelity Assurance Co.
- Claim Care, Inc.
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- L.J. Hart & Company
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- EDPLUS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- GIRLS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

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

Golden City R-III Superintendent Search – Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. He can be reached at (660) 441-7473 or 19mj46@charter.net. **Deadline is 4/12/2024!**

Ballard R-II Superintendent Search – Dr. Jamie Burkhart is the Search Consultant. She can be reached at (660) 525-0952 or jamiebeth.burkhart@gmail.com. **Deadline is 4/12/2024!**

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 Peregoy & 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)!

All Vacancy Announcements & Applications – www.moare.com!

Talk to Read Grant Opportunity

We are 4 years post-pandemic. Are learners in your building struggling to recover? Are teachers looking to accelerate literacy learning? The U.S. Department of Education is funding up to 40 hours of professional learning for second-grade teachers who seek to accelerate literacy learning.

Participating teachers glean insights into a field-tested program, Talk to Read, are compensated for their time, and given up to 10 tablets, a tablet charging station, and 20 headsets for their classroom. Professional learning is provided by eMINTS National Center for Professional Learning, an affiliate of the University of Missouri College of Education and Human Development.

Spots are limited. To learn more, we invite you to explore our [website](#), attend a brief informational [webinar](#), or email the program facilitator, Maggie Bunten at meenr9@missouri.edu.



Hamlin Energy Program – MARE member school districts have received two or three email blasts within the past few weeks from Rhonda Hamlin with Hamlin Energy Group. As you may know, we have a partnership with Hamlin Energy Group to provide various services aimed at saving school districts money when it comes to energy costs, especially with natural gas. I would encourage you to review those emails carefully and reach out to Rhonda with your questions. It is very likely that she can save your district money and/or recoup some money by conducting an energy audit for your school district. More information regarding Hamlin Energy can be found at www.moare.com.

iCEV Rolls Out EduThings - Do you struggle to manage the data for your CTE programs? iCEV has a resource that can help! Eduthings is your command center for CTE data management and reporting. It can help track IRCs, CTSOs, Work-Based Learning, Advisory Boards, Inventory, and much more. We are offering a series of Eduthings webinars specific to Missouri schools like yours. Follow the link below to register!

Missouri Eduthings Demo Registration

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MARE Scholarship Information – The deadlines have passed for applications for both of our awards. MARE/EdCounsel HS Senior Scholarship letters were sent out last Thursday, March 28th! We will be awarding thirty-eight (38) \$750.00 scholarships this spring, many at area MASA meetings within the next six weeks. College applications will be reviewed soon. We anticipate awarding in excess of twenty (20) \$1,000.00 scholarships this summer at our MARE Board Meeting! Since 2017, we have awarded \$211,500 in scholarships.

National Center for Rural Mental Health – MU Grant Opportunity

You are invited to participate in a study as part of our [National Center for Rural School Mental Health](#). Dr. Keith Herman of the University of Missouri and his team have created free resources for rural schools to use to support student mental health. The project would give you access to a brief, online student and teacher mental health risk screening, automated dashboard reports, [the Intervention Hub](#) mapped onto your school results, and technical assistance in how to use it. The screener only takes 10 min for a teacher to complete the entire class, and 5-10 min for students. It also caps the number of students identified as being most at risk compared to their peers in your building so as to not overwhelm staff. Participating schools receive \$1000 to accommodate for any inconveniences. Please contact Dr. Herman to learn more (hermanke@missouri.edu); he can also set up a demo of the system to show you and your staff.

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.

MOCAAT – What Can You Do For Me?

MOCAAT is a full financial management resource for Missouri school districts. Established in 2020, MOCAAT® prides itself on bringing a new level of service and support of investment planning and deployment for Missouri schools. The MOCAAT team uses their decades of experience in Missouri school budget, finance and investments to manage more than \$3.0 billion in assets for over 215 districts across the state. For support with investments of your reserve funds, tax revenues, state revenues, and bond proceeds please reach out to John Jungmann, jjungmann@pmanetwork.com (417) 228-4148 or Jason Hoffman, jhoffman@pmanetwork.com (573) 212-6258.

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [March 8, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#), [March 15, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#), [March 22, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#)

Quote of the Week

“The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn ...and change.” – Carl Rogers

MARE Welcomes New Associate Members – MARE is pleased to welcome [Acrisure/Wallstreet Group](#), [AirAnswers, Inc.](#), [Community Foundation of the Ozarks](#), [Haddock Educational Technologies](#), [PCC Sports](#), [Pepco, Inc.](#), [Quality Network Solutions](#), [Renaissance Learning, Inc.](#) & [Varsity Tutors](#) as New Associate Members. Check out our website at www.moare.com for more information!

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](#)

Conference Theme – Education is the Key!

MU Grant Opportunity



Seeking participants for a Research Study

4th and 5th graders and their teachers take a **ONE-TIME** online survey to assess **self-regulation, school belongingness, prosocial behaviors, engagement, and behavior management**. Participants receive:

- A **free**, school-specific report on school climate, students' academic mindset, sense of belonging, and engagement. The data can help inform any programs schools want to enact.
- *Designing a Prosocial Classroom*, a book written by Christi Bergin at Mizzou, which discusses how to create a more prosocial (i.e., respectful, cooperative, kind) school climate.
- Participating teachers will be eligible to receive a **\$25 Amazon gift card**.

Your participation will contribute to research on how to make schools a nurturing place for students and teachers.

To participate, email lbrockmeier@missouri.edu

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

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

- Friday, May 31, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 1, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 14, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 15, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 14, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 15, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 21, 2024 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 22, 2024 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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.

National Center for Rural School Mental Health Opportunity

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.

2024-2025 (Year 1)	
Intervention schools (Get Now)	Control schools (Get Later)
\$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	\$1000 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 (Spring)
Intervention schools	Control Schools
school climate survey and reports EIS screener and reports EIS intervention hub and professional development	\$500 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

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

Each building will have a liaison assigned who is compensated for work with the National Center.

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:

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MARE Welcomes AirAnswers as New Associate Member

*"At AirAnswers, we pride ourselves on being the leader in cutting edge air sampling and testing technology. Our revolutionary, silent, and portable device is equipped with patented technology designed to capture a wide array of **airborne pathogens, including Beta Glucans, molds, allergens, bacteria, viruses, and biotoxins.***

Our platform is valued by a wide range of users including indoor air quality professionals, homeowners, physicians, and educational institutions. Our mission is to empower individuals and organizations with the ability to detect invisible ultrafine airborne biocontaminant particles that pose potential health risks and can cause property damage.

What sets AirAnswers apart is our commitment to transforming innovative air sampling technology into a comprehensive, user-friendly air testing detection and monitoring system that can be seamlessly deployed in any indoor environment, providing invaluable insights into the quality of the air you breathe."

For more information, contact:

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