



# MARE Focus

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- EDPLUS
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**MARE Superintendent Searches** – Closed Superintendent Searches for 2020-2021: Community R-VI, Missouri City #56, Gasconade Co. R-II, Strafford R-VI, East Prairie R-II, Schuyler Co. R-I, Oak Ridge R-VI, Purdy R-II, Sturgeon R-V and Plato R-V. MARE welcomes the opportunity to assist your district with the Superintendent Search process. If we can be of service, please reach out to me at (660) 747-8050 or by email at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

## MARE College Scholarship Recipients for 2021

### 2021 MARE College Scholarship Recipients

<i>Student Name</i>	<i>Scholarship Title</i>
<i>Kaitlynn Huessner</i>	<i>Howard Heidbrink Scholarship</i>
<i>Elizabeth Cochran</i>	<i>L. J. Hart &amp; Company Scholarship</i>
<i>Paige Doogs</i>	<i>William G. Peter Scholarship</i>
<i>Madison Stahl</i>	<i>Philip C. Dorth Scholarship</i>
<i>Audrey Williams</i>	<i>Frank "Dean" Cone Scholarship</i>
<i>Garrett Hanlin</i>	<i>David M. Cooper Scholarship</i>
<i>Hannah Gebhardt</i>	<i>Kenneth W. Cook Scholarship (MEUHP)</i>
<i>Melissa Gurley</i>	<i>Tom Quinn (MEUHP)</i>
<i>Payton Drake</i>	<i>Ray Doerhoff Scholarship</i>
<i>Dale Bagley</i>	<i>CTS Scholarship</i>
<i>Madeline Phillips</i>	<i>Forrest T. Jones Scholarship</i>
<i>Mollie Lynn</i>	<i>Mickes O'Toole, LLC Scholarship</i>
<i>Kade Marnin</i>	<i>Guin Mundorf, LLC Scholarship</i>
<i>Caitlyn Nunez</i>	<i>Tueth Keeney Cooper Mohan &amp; Jackstadt, P.C. Scholarship</i>
<i>Ginger Klopping</i>	<i>American Fidelity Assurance Scholarship</i>
<i>Gabriella Nagy</i>	<i>Missouri Education Health Group Scholarship</i>

**Please join me in congratulating these future teachers!**

**MARE Welcomes Gilman City R-IV** - MARE is pleased to welcome Gilman City R-IV School District as a new member school district. Gilman City R-IV is a K-12 district located in Gilman City, Missouri which is in Harrison County in Northwest Missouri. The district has a K-12 student population of 138! Welcome Hawks!

## Mental Health Survey from MU

I hope you are well and enjoying the weather. I am elated to announce that my survey is ready for distribution. It can now go to elementary AND middle school teachers. Below is an announcement that can be used to distribute, and I have also attached in a word document if you prefer to copy and paste. THANK YOU SO MUCH for helping distribute this survey, and helping to make a difference in the lives of teachers and students. The survey will be active for one month, so until May 30th. It would be great if you could distribute a few times, maybe weekly. How can I help in this process, a weekly reminder, phone call, text? Let me know what works best for you. I will be sure to send you the results of my survey once I have the data analyzed and written up. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Again, thank you so much!!!

Jessica Simpson - 5733550660

If you have an interest in helping to make a difference in the lives of your students AND make your job easier as an elementary or middle school general education teacher in Missouri then participating in this research study may be for you? It is clear that teachers perceive mental health to be a priority, as 94% of teachers agree that schools should be involved in the mental health support of students. However, 78% of teachers report to have a lack of adequate training to support their students' mental health needs (Reinke et al., 2011).

You are invited to participate in a research study investigating teacher perceptions of student mental health. Your anonymous responses will help improve the futures of students and identify ways that stakeholders can make your job easier! For participating in this 20-minute survey, you may choose to be entered in a drawing for 1 of 10 \$50 Amazon gift cards (your email will not be linked to your survey responses). Click here to take the survey now!

[https://missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3WdsyO30bK6etYq](https://missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3WdsyO30bK6etYq)

For any questions, contact Jessica Simpson, PhD Candidate, at the University of Missouri. ([jnsc55@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:jnsc55@mail.missouri.edu))

## Defined Learning White Paper



### WHITE PAPER

## Growing Student Engagement & Accelerating Learning



The global pandemic has created significant challenges for educators and students alike. Although educators have spent countless hours on designing and enhancing online and hybrid instruction, the evidence suggests that many students are still falling behind in their learning.

**In this complimentary white paper**, you'll learn what the experts are saying about how to best grow student engagement and accelerate learning during this unprecedented time. We'll share research that supports Project-Based Learning (PBL) as a highly effective method and provide examples from districts that are effectively implementing PBL in virtual, blended, and in-person environments.

[View White Paper](#)

**MARE Membership Invoices for 2021-2022** -We truly appreciate all of our MARE member school districts. Invoices for school districts will be sent out in mid-June. Remember that with your membership each district receives 1 copy of the Missouri School Directory. Please review the information for your district on the DESE website (Core Data Screens) and be sure to have updated information (new Superintendent, tax levy and assessed valuation numbers entered, etc. by August 24th so that accurate and up-to-date information will be included in the 2021-2022 School Directory which will be distributed in early September.

**2021 Health Office Orientation** - The 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:** Due to the continued circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Office Orientation will again 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\\_3UvpdwTWAVyWOW2](https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3UvpdwTWAVyWOW2)

☐ **Deadline for Registration is July 23, 2021**

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 contact Barb at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services [Barbara.Spaw@health.mo.gov](mailto:Barbara.Spaw@health.mo.gov) or by phone (816) 521-7727.**

## **Missouri Tobacco Quitline Information**

Availability of Missouri Tobacco Quitline Services for adolescents?

The image below is hyperlinked to the Quitline registration page where your school contacts can refer students by selecting the referral button at the top of the screen.

[cid:image001.jpg@01D7368A.56928A70]<<https://www.quitnow.net/mve/quitnow?qnclient=missouri>>

Thank you in advance for your help - I appreciate it!

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## **EdCounsel Insights - Podcast PD Opportunities**

We are excited to share our new podcast, *EdCounsel Insights*, is now available for school leaders. Our attorneys offer weekly segments on hot topics in Missouri education as well as routine legal issues that come up throughout the year.

In our most recent podcast episode entitled, "[Leaders and the Law: A Conversation with Paul Ziegler](#)," Paul and I explore the differences in how school lawyers and school leaders view legal issues and how school leaders can approach legal problem solving in their daily practice.

*EdCounsel Insights* is professional learning from your desk, your car, your kitchen, or even on a walk; the podcast offers discussion from our attorney team and special guests on day-to-day legal issues so school leaders can do their job effectively, productively, and within appropriate legal bounds.

*EdCounsel Insights* was created to be accessible and responsive in serving school leaders. We hope you will share this new resource with your MARE membership. *EdCounsel Insights* is available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify. We also post episodes on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn and encourage your members to follow, share, and retweet. Likewise, if your members have suggested topics they would like to hear, please do not hesitate to contact us.

[EdCounsel website](#)

**Legislative News** - Please stay vigilant this week as several pieces of harmful legislation will likely be debated and brought to votes.

<https://house.mo.gov/> and <https://www.senate.mo.gov/>

**MARE/MO K-8 Fall Conference** - Make plans now to join us for the 2021 MARE/MO K-8 Conference which will be held Wednesday, October 20th through Friday, October 22nd at the Lodge of Four Seasons. Help us reach our goal of 200 attendees! Information will be mailed out in June and posted to the website!

**Missouri Boys State & Missouri Girls State** - MARE is a proud supporter of both of these organizations. Due to the cancellations of these events from last year, MARE will be supporting four (4) candidates for each gathering in 2021. MARE supports (pays sponsorship fees) for candidates from MARE member school districts across the state!

## **MARE Partners With UMB to Offer a New Purchasing Card Program**

MARE is thrilled to announce our new partnership with UMB to offer school districts across the state an opportunity to utilize a new purchasing card program that benefits individual districts that participate, MARE as an organization and MOCAAT as well. For more information on this exciting new program please note the information below.



## UMB Missouri Capital Asset Advantage Treasury Consortium

### Experience the Value of a Consortium

UMB and MOCAAT have partnered to create a Purchasing Card Consortium that aggregates the spend of all participant's to maximize each participant's rebate. Participants can utilize the purchasing card without disrupting current banking relationships.

### UMB MOCAAT Consortium Benefits

- No minimum level of spend to receive the rebate
- No average transaction requirements
- Rebate level driven by the consortium participant's aggregate spend
- No annual card fees
- No implementation or training fees
- Dedicated local relationship and service team to help maximize your program

### For more information contact

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**11th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament** - The 11th Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, July 19th at the beautiful Osage National Golf Course in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Information for this year's event is linked below:

[2021 MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament Flyer](#)

[Golf Tournament Sponsorship Information](#)

[2021 Golf Tournament Registration Form](#)

**Please come out and join us this year! We will accept the first 36 teams to register!**

**NREA News** - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Weekly Update - April 30, 2021](#), [NREA Weekly Update - May 7, 2021](#)

## **Quote of the Week**

"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent." --*Douglas MacArthur*

**MARE Board Training Opportunities** - MARE will offer the required Board Training for newly elected or appointed Board members on the following dates and at the noted locations:

## **MARE Board Training Dates – 2021**

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

Friday, May 21, 2021 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, May 22, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### **West Central Missouri - Warrensburg, MO - Comfort Inn - (660) 429-4848**

Friday, June 11, 2021 - (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 12, 2021 - (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### **Northeast Missouri - Pike-Lincoln Technical Center - Eolia, MO**

Friday, June 11, 2021 - (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 12, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

Friday, June 25, 2021 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 26, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

Friday, July 16, 2021 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, July 17, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)

Thursday, October 21, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

### **Lake Ozark, MO - The Lodge of the Four Seasons (Deadline to register - November 19th!)**

Friday, December 10, 2021 (12:00 noon-6:00 p.m.)

Saturday, December 11, 2021 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

To register for these in-person training events, please access the form found on the MARE website or contact Kevin Sandlin at (660) 747-8050 or by email at [ksandlin@moare.com](mailto:ksandlin@moare.com).

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