



MARE Focus

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Legislative Urgent Alert - Members are urged to make immediate contact with their respective Representatives and Senators regarding the following omnibus bills that are being debated in Jefferson City.

HB 1540 - This omnibus bill includes several harmful provisions that we are collectively opposed to including SB 966, HB 2273, SB 802, HB 1317, and SB 525. Please contact your representative and ask him/her to vote "No" when this comes to a vote this week!

SB 570 - This omnibus bill includes provisions from HB 1317 and SB 525 which we are opposed to. Please contact your senator and ask him/her to vote "No" when this comes to a vote this week!

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

Please join me in congratulating all of these students!

MARE Welcomes Office Essentials as New Associate Member



Office Essentials is a Missouri-based business that is proud to be one of the top 10 largest Independent Office Supply/Furniture Dealers in the United States. We have been in business for over 18 years. We offer our local communities a wide variety of resources that benefit our schools and the children they teach. We have your educators covered from classic educational items such as paper and pens to white boards and mobile lecterns. Office Essentials offers items in every category: educational items, classroom and office furniture, janitorial and breakroom as well as printing and copier technology. We offer free next day delivery at competitive pricing. We are proud to be a partner of your association and would appreciate the opportunity to be a valued resource for you and your teachers.

"It was a pleasure working with Office Essentials on our newest learning space, Willard Intermediate School-South! Their support was an integral part of creating a collaborative environment for our life-ready learners! Their attention to detail was a great asset to finish an on-time and on-budget project last fall."

Dr. Derrick Hutsell
Willard R-II School District

Click for more information about our categories:

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[School Supplies Catalog](#)

Office Furniture/Meeting Rooms

[HON Learning K-12 Catalog](#)
[HON NOW Express Order Catalog](#)

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[Product Line Summary](#)

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For more information please contact Dave Holmin at 217-741-9869 or email at dholmin@offess.com

Grant Opportunity Coming Soon - MARE is partnering with SlateXP (LearnSafe) and the University of Missouri at Columbia to bring an exciting grant opportunity to MARE member school districts. Please stay tuned to the MARE website at www.moare.com and this electronic newsletter for more information!

2020 Health Office Orientation - MARE is partnering with DHSS and MASN to offer an orientation for health office staff. See details below!!!

The 2020 annual Health Office Orientation is scheduled for August 5-6 in Jefferson City, and registration is now open. This two-day workshop offers an orientation for nurses without prior work experience in schools and an overview of information regarding school nursing practice. Both in utilizing a number of distance learning tools as well as in consideration of the historic events this spring, our format and schedule have been modified from previous programs. This year, to best utilize our time together, there are distance learning modules that are required to be completed prior to attending. These materials and links will be included with your registration confirmation. (see the flyer on the School Health website for more information)

There is no cost for registration or materials, and with working lunches, there is a charge of \$20 payable to MASN for meals.

Registration: https://missouriwic.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_57OLv1Nk8ejd7D

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

GotZoom Offers Opportunity to Reduce Student Loan Debt

With one simple registration, GotZoom identifies and applies on your behalf for over 70 Federal Student Loan Repayment and Loan Forgiveness programs offered through the US Department of Education.

With the help of our Federal Student Loan Subsidy Specialists, you will be able to take advantage of every eligible debt reduction program you qualify for.

GotZoom Simplifies the Process for Reducing Student Loan Debt

Learn more by watching this short video

GotZoom does not refinance student loans. If you have refinanced a federal student loan with a private lender you are no longer eligible for federal loan forgiveness programs.

[GotZoom for Educators](#)

For more information on this opportunity, please check out the MARE website at www.moare.com.

Satchel Pulse - Survey Offering

Satchel is offering MOARE members free use of their Survey Builder tool during this time of school closures. The tool comes with various survey templates that you can use to check in on your staff, students and parents to learn how they are feeling during the COVID-19 crisis. You can also create your own online surveys on any topic you like and share them through a simple link.

To create an account just go to <https://bit.ly/2S0QcYx>

Leverage Your Construction Opportunity - Now may be the perfect time to get started on some of your overdue or needed building/grounds improvement projects. Read on for more information from our friends at Universal Construction.



LEVERAGE YOUR CONSTRUCTION OPPORTUNITY

**While your students are home take ADVANTAGE
of this time by completing any overdue building
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NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on this link: [NREA News - May 8, 2020](#)

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.

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

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

- Friday, June 5, 2020 - (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 6, 2020 - (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Northeast Missouri - Sturgeon R-V School District - (573) 687-3515

- Friday, June 5, 2020 - (3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 6, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Northeast Missouri - Clark Co. R-I School District - (660) 727-2377

- Friday, June 12, 2020 - (3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 13, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 12, 2020 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 13, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 19, 2020 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 20, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

- Friday, June 26, 2020 (12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.)
- Saturday, June 27, 2020 (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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!

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. Over the past three years, with the assistance of our generous sponsors, we have been able to award \$76,000.00 in scholarship awards to both graduating HS Seniors and College Juniors/Seniors who have goals of becoming teachers in Missouri rural schools. Our annual golf tournament is our primary fundraiser to support these awards. Linked below this message are the various documents associated with this event including the Golf Tournament Flyer, Registration Form, Sponsorship Form, Letter to Superintendents and a Letter to Business Partners. Since our event is not directly tied to the annual DESE Summer Conference this year, we will be offering a Legal Seminar the morning of the event prior to registration and tournament play. More information will be released soon regarding that opportunity. 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 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!

2020 Missouri Boys State - Missouri Boys State will be held June 13-20, 2020 at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. For more information, go to MissouriBoysState.org. **MARE has sponsored Missouri Boys State since 2007!**

2020 Missouri Girls State - Missouri Girls State has been cancelled for this year! **MARE will honor our commitment and sponsor four (4) girls for Missouri Girls State next year!**

Quote of the Week

"I'm convinced many of America's heroes are public school teachers and administrators. Many of these people do what they do because of their faith."

Adam Hamilton

Summer Law Workshop Schedule - The schedule of the various Summer Legal Workshops offered by EdCounsel, Guin Mundorf, Mickes O'Toole and Tueth Keeney will be made available on our website and in the MARE Focus soon.

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