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

MARE Focus

ENDORSEMENTS

American Fidelity Assurance Co.

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Hamlin Energy

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- EdPLUS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- GIRLS STATE
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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 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), Golden City R-III (Mr. Dennis Kimzey) & Ballard R-II (Mr. David Andrade)!

Talk to Read Grant Opportunity

"The U.S. Education Department 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. Talk to Read® is not a replacement curriculum, it's strategies and approaches that can enhance and encourage what teachers are already doing in their classrooms.

Professional learning is provided by eMINTS National Center for Professional Learning, an affiliate of the University of Missouri College of Education and Human Development.

Slots are limited.

To learn more, we invite you to explore the website, <https://talk2read.emints.org/>, or email the program facilitator, Maggie Bunten at meenr9@missouri.edu."

Let me know if this works and feel free to share as you see fit. Let me know if you need any additional information.

Have a great week!

Best,

Elizabeth Kelley, MPH

Grant Project Coordinator

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MARE Scholarship Information – 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 will be awarding twenty-three (23) \$1,000.00 scholarships this summer at our MARE Board Meeting! Since 2017, we have awarded \$263,000 in scholarships through these two programs.

MARE/EdCounsel HS Senior Scholarship Recipients for 2024

Student

Alyson Alcantara
 Isabella Baird
 Autumn Bax
 Avery Baxter
 Madelyn Beetsma
 Andi Belt
 Tacey Blankenship
 Addilyn Branson
 Mackenzie Brown
 Hannah Christian
 Jaelynn Crowder
 Ellyssa Denton
 Gabriella Frey
 Somer Gill
 Michaela Grannemann
 Hayley Gruenewald
 Lauren Homan
 Britney Jeffries
 Maggie Keim
 Kenzie Kilpatrick
 Larissa Larrick
 Madison Lockhart
 Jordan Long
 Abigail Lootens
 Sydney Marriott
 Brooke Murphy
 Autum Nichols
 Vanessa Perona
 Hannah Phillips
 Malia Rodgers
 KatiJo Schaefer
 Bella Skibinski
 Claire Stinson
 Destiney Stokes
 Lilly Westhues
 Alexis Wildenhain
 Ava Wolfe
 Alicen Yant

District

Warsaw R-IX
 Galena R-II
 Blair Oaks R-II
 Chillicothe R-II
 Chillicothe R-II
 North Shelby
 Billings R-IV
 Camdenton R-III
 Mound City R-II
 Lebanon R-III
 Montrose R-XIV
 Summersville R-II
 Humansville R-IV
 Shelby Co. R-IV
 Gasconade Co. R-I
 Silex R-I
 Sedalia 200
 Green City R-I
 Palmyra R-I
 Dixon R-I
 Shelby Co. R-IV
 Odessa R-VII
 Southwest R-V
 Shelby Co. R-IV
 West Nodaway Co. R-I
 Pilot Grove C-4
 Lathrop R-II
 St. James R-I
 Marionville R-IX
 Montgomery Co. R-II
 Glasgow
 Troy R-III
 Ralls Co. R-II
 Lebanon R-III
 NE Randolph Co. R-IV
 Hallsville R-IV
 Climax Springs R-IV
 East Prairie R-II

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

- **Names of some of the scholarships awarded may change!**

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [May 3, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#), [May 10, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#), [May 17, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#)

Education Plus – Elevate Conference

The ELevate conference on June 5 & 6 at St. Charles West High School is designed for K-12 educators to learn best practices and gain new strategies for creating inclusive and effective learning environments, and network with other educators throughout the region and state who have experience working with English Learners. This conference is for leaders, EL educators, and content teachers who have EL students within their classroom. All can gain valuable learning experiences and practical strategies that can be applied to the classroom and their school

communities.

This two-day event will feature keynote address and breakout sessions by author, Beth Skelton, and Laura Gardner and Alba Morales from Immigrant Connections. It will also include over 35 breakout sessions presented by EL educators from around the region. Attendees of the conference will receive a copy of Beth Skelton's best-selling book, *Long-Term Success for Experienced Multilinguals*.

Learn more about the conference and breakout sessions on the conference [website](#) and register [here](#) for the conference. Attached is a flyer with additional information.

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MARE Membership Invoices & Blurb – 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](#)

Save the Date – Do you enjoy playing golf? We are looking for individual players and teams to fill out our available slots for our upcoming event. We have several sponsors who are looking for players to complete their teams. Please email me if you are interested in playing. Your player fee will be paid for by the sponsors! 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.

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
660-200-5041

Marilyn Allen
314-899-6706

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?

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](#)

Varsity Tutors for Schools – Upcoming Webinar Opportunity

Overview – Panelists will discuss how schools can leverage their remaining ESSER III funding to purchase high-dosage tutoring for multiple years. The US Department of Education has clearly stated that ESSER III funds can be utilized to pay for services aimed at combating learning loss – which continues for several years. **Topics** – How to Use ESSER III funds along with state and local funds & Varsity Tutors for Schools Three Implementation

Please check out the MARE website at www.moare.com soon for a feature article regarding this webinar opportunity!

MOCAAT – What Can You Do For Me?



The MOCAAT® Advantage:
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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.

Quote of the Week

"Leaders instill in their people a hope for success and a belief in themselves. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals."

-Unknown

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, Heartland Business System, Kansas City Audio Visual, U-First Reconstruction, Lucas & Associates, LLC , Schooley Mitchell, and Smith Paper & Janitor Supply as New Associate Members.** Check out our website at www.moare.com for more information!

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.

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!

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