



MARE Focus

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

Superintendent Search - North Shelby - Mr. Darryl Pannier is the Search Consultant. Darryl can be reached by phone at (573) 803-9008 or by email at darrylpannier@yahoo.com. **Application deadline is Friday, December 3, 2021!**

Superintendent Search - Orrick R-XI - Dr. Jerry Cochran is the Search Consultant. Jerry can be reached by phone at (660) 668-3787 or by email at cochranj115@gmail.com. **Application deadline is Friday, December 17, 2021!**

Superintendent Search - Concordia R-II - Dr. Mike Jinks is the Search Consultant. Mike can be reached by phone at (660) 441-7473 or by email at 19mj46@charter.net. **Application deadline is Wednesday, December 29th!**

Superintendent Search - Cole Co. R-I - Dr. Paul Ricker is the Search Consultant. Paul can be reached by phone at (573) 365-4703 or by email at paulricker1@charter.net. **(TBD)**

Superintendent Search - Newburg R-II - Mr. Darryl Pannier is the Search Consultant. Darryl can be reached by phone at (573) 803-9008 or by email at darrylpannier@yahoo.com. **(TBD)**

Superintendent Search - Northeast Randolph Co. R-IV - Dr. Jerry Cochran is the Search Consultant. Jerry can be reached by phone at (660) 668-3787 or by email at cochranj115@gmail.com. **(TBD)**

Stay tuned for additional postings in the near future!

School Wellness Symposium - The Missouri Association of Rural Education has joined with nineteen (19) other associations and organizations to co-sponsor the upcoming School Wellness Symposium. This event will be held at the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in Columbia, Missouri on December 6th and 7th. For more information on this professional development and collaboration opportunity, please reference the links below:

- [Wellness Breakout Sessions](#)
- [Registration & Reservation links](#)
- [Wellness Flyer](#)

Did You Know? - MARE currently lists 399 of the public school districts in Missouri as member school districts. Our largest district has over 10,900 students, while our smallest has 23 students. MARE works diligently to represent rural education at the state and federal level! If you would like to learn more about MARE, please contact Kevin Sandlin, Executive Director, at (660) 747-8050 or by email at ksandlin@moare.com.

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Weekly Update - November 5, 2021](#), [NREA Weekly Update - November 19, 2021](#)

MOCAAT Webinar Opportunity

ONLINE WEBINAR

Missouri Schools Cash Flow Analysis & Investing

Choose from two dates:

Wednesday, December 1st | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

[Register for
December 1st](#)

Thursday, December 2nd | 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

[Register for
December 2nd](#)

There are exciting things going on at MOCAAT!

We have now been in operation in Missouri for over a year. On July 1, 2021, after their retirement from successful school administration careers, we welcomed John Jungmann and Jason Hoffman to run our operations in Missouri. Despite historically low interest rates and a global pandemic, we are growing MOCAAT and currently manage nearly \$400 million of school district funds.

As we approach property tax collections and are generally at the high point of fund balances, Missouri schools are evaluating where fund balances can be placed. Although we are in a very low interest rate environment, understanding cash flow needs and investing out to need dates can lead to enhanced investment income.

PMA's Cash Flow Management Program, a service for MOCAAT participants, provides Missouri school districts with a comprehensive cash flow analysis. With this tool in hand, school districts can optimize the use of funds – putting your money to work sooner and longer.

We hope you can join us!

PRESENTERS:



Jason Hoffman

Coordinator, Sales and Relationship Management
PMA Financial Network



Dr. John Jungmann

Coordinator, Sales and Relationship Management
PMA Financial Network



Matthew Silkey

Senior Public Funds Consultant
PMA Financial Network

MARE Scholarship Program Information - The Missouri Association of Rural Education offers two scholarship programs for students interested in becoming teachers and returning to rural school districts to teach. The first program is the MARE Rural Missouri Scholarship Fund. This program is open to only junior and senior level students attending Missouri colleges or universities that offer degrees in education. Applicants must have completed 60 or more credit hours and have declared a major in education. Over the past two years, MARE, with support from the key sponsors who support the Annual MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament (**Veregy (Formerly CTS Group), UMB Bank, L.J. Hart & Company, Performance Services, MEUHP, Mickes O'Toole, LLC, Missouri Educators Health Group, Forrest T. Jones & Company, Guin Mundorf, LLC, American Fidelity, Tueth Keeney Cooper Mohan & Jackstadt, P.C., LearnSafe & MOCAAT; Hole Sponsors (EdCounsel, LLC, MRTA, MUSIC, EduOptimus, Tueth Keeney, P.C., Stifel, GRP WEGMAN Company, NREA, The Garland Company, Pro Energy Solutions, Reynolds Construction & Commercial Roofing, Central States Bus, Gilmore Bell, Mike Keith Insurance, Apple Bus, McKinstry, Navitas, Universal Construction, K12itc, Sunshine Dental Associates, Incite Design Studio, Audio Enhancement, UMB Bank, MET/Gallagher, MOPERC, Wagner Portrait Group, Inter-State Studio, Bukaty Companies (Jeff Walstrom), and Gator Graphics**) and those who provided prizes and played, has provided thirty-one (31) \$1,000.00 scholarships. We plan to present as many as twenty (20) \$1,000.00 scholarships this year alone! Information for this program is available below. This information was mailed to all Missouri colleges and universities that offer teacher education programs and certifications. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is Friday, April 1, 2022.

[2021-2022 MARE College Scholarship Guidelines & Application](#)

The second scholarship program offered by MARE is open to graduating high school seniors of MARE member school districts. Applicants must have indicated plans to pursue a degree in education. Only senior students from MARE member school districts are eligible to apply. Over the past two years, MARE, with support from EdCounsel, LLC has provided fifty-five (55) \$500.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors from all over the state. Information for this program is available below. This information will be provided to all Missouri High School Counselors as well. The deadline to apply for this scholarship is March 11, 2022.

[2021-2022 MARE HS Senior Scholarship Guidelines & Application](#)

If you have any questions regarding these Scholarship Programs, please contact Kevin Sandlin, Executive Director, at (660) 747-8050 or ksandlin@moare.com.

ESSER III Funds - Federal regulation/guidance dictates that if ESSER III funds are not awarded by DESE by March 24, 2022, the funds will revert back to the federal treasury for redistribution to other states. In order for DESE to formally award the funds, they must be appropriated by the legislature.

At this time, please know that the Governor and key legislative leaders are aware and are developing a plan to appropriate said funds before the March 24th deadline.

Action Plan

It is important for you to reach out to your state legislators to make them aware of the approaching deadline. This will help ensure, when they return for the legislative session in January, they are fully aware of the situation and can move quickly to appropriate these funds.

Learning Blade Supports Computer Science Education Week

This Computer Science Education Week (Dec 6 to 12), explore Learning Blade's online *Intro to Computer Science* lessons (2-hours) where students learn about various technologies and high-demand careers such as Cybersecurity, Mobile Applications, Database Administrators, and User Interface Designers just to name a few. After completing Learning Blade's CS lessons students show a 55% increase in their interest in pursuing a career in CS.

Additionally, explore Learning Blade's Hack Attack, Flu Outbreak, or Rescue Robot missions containing over 100 online computer science-related mini-lessons (10-15 minutes), as well as group activities to collaborate around CS-themed Project-Based Learning in the Mission Challenges.

If you have not already, please sign up for your free MO account by going to www.LearningBlade.com/MO.

Stay tuned for exciting news regarding Computer Science and Learning Blade in early 2022!!

ServPro Agreement

ServPro Emergency Services/Disaster Recovery piggyback agreement.

If you are interested in taking advantage of the ISD Cooperation Purchasing agreement, please give us a call.

5.2. Cooperative Procurement 5.2.1. Indicate whether, if the District accepted your qualification, you would provide the same products and services under the same prices and terms to any public school district or any other non-profit organization having membership in the Mid-America Council of Public Purchasing (MACPP) or Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), Greater Suburban Kansas City Joint Purchasing Cooperative and/or located within the greater Kansas City metropolitan trade area.

You can reach me @ 816.260.7740 or dmaddox@servpro.com

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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

Lake Ozark, MO - The Lodge of the Four Seasons (Deadline to register - December 3rd!)

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.

Quote of the Week

"Adversity is an opportunity for Heroism."- Marv Levy

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from MARE!

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