



OCTOBER 28, 2024

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

MARE Focus

ENDORSEMENTS

American Fidelity Assurance Co.

Claim Care, Inc.

Forrest T. Jones & Co.

Hamlin Energy

IMS Technology

L.J. Hart & Company

MASA MTS

MEUHP

Mike Keith Insurance

MO. Consult. For Ed.

MOCAAT

M.U.S.I.C.

SOCs

Veregy (CTS)

MARE PARTNERSHIPS

- LEGAL HOTLINE: EdCounsel, GUIN MUNDORF, MICKES O'TOOLE, TUETH KEENEY
- EDPLUS
- AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
- GIRLS STATE
- MISSOURI ADMIN. JOB POSTING

Superintendent Search Program

– MARE has been retained to assist with:

Putnam Co. R-I Superintendent Search – Dr. Jerry Cochran is the consultant. He can be reached at (660) 596-3184 or cochranj115@gmail.com. **Closes – 11/8/24**

Franklin Co. R-II Superintendent Search – Dr. Margret Anderson is the consultant. She can be reached at (816) 898-005 or mg2.anderson@gmail.com. **Closes – 11/8/24**

Northeast Nodaway Co. R-V Superintendent Search – Dr. Michael Jinks is the consultant. He can be reached at (660) 441-7473 or 19mj46@gmail.com. **Closes - 11/1/24**

Maysville R-I Superintendent Search - Dr. Michael Jinks is the consultant. He can be reached at (660) 441-7473 or 19mj46@gmail.com. **Closes 10/31/24**

Osage Co. R-III Superintendent Search – Dr. Paul Ricker is the consultant. He can be reached at (573) 365-4703 or paulricker1@charter.net. **Closes 11/4/2024**

Lakeland R-III Superintendent Search – Mrs. Mary Beth Scherer is the consultant. She can be reached at (660) 281-7678 or mbscherer@ucmo.edu. **Closes 11/15/2024**

Sullivan Superintendent Search - Dr. Michael Jinks is the consultant. He can be reached at (660) 441-7473 or 19mj46@gmail.com. **Closes 11/22/24**

Green Ridge R-VIII Superintendent Search - Dr. Jerry Cochran is the consultant. He can be reached at (660) 596-3184 or cochranj115@gmail.com. **Closes – 12/01/24**

Check out the MARE website at www.moare.com for announcements/applications!

Stanberry R-II Secondary Principal Vacancy – See link below

Application Procedure: Send Letter of Interest, Resume, and 3 Letters of References to: Dr. John Davison jdavison@stanberryschools.org School Website: <https://www.sr2.k12.mo.us/>

MARE/MO K-8 Fall Conference

– Special thanks to all of those who attended and supported the 2024 MARE/MO K-8 Conference on October 16-28, 2024! We had an amazing conference! Overall, we had 300 attendees, 90 Exhibitor Tables (202 vendor representatives), and 81 presenters. **Huge thanks to our incredible sponsors listed below:**

Platinum Level (\$2,000.00) – Claim Care, Inc., Coryell Roofing, EdCounsel, LLC, iCEV, MOCAAT, ServPro, SIC Midwest & Veregy

Gold Level (\$1,500.00) – Curriculum Associates, Daikin TMI, Forrest T. Jones/MEUHP, L.J. Hart & Company, Penmac Education Staffing, Smith Paper & Janitor Supply & Software Unlimited, Inc.

Silver Level (\$1,000.00) – A-Lert Roofing Systems, GRP Mechanical Company, Guin Mundorf, LLC, Heartland Business Systems, MET/Gallagher, Mickes O'Toole, LLC, Navitas, Opa! Food Management, Proximity Learning, Reynolds Construction & Commercial Roofing, SlateXP (LearnSafe), Trane U.S. Inc. & Tueth Keeney, P.C.

Bronze Level (\$600.00) – American Fidelity, Audio Acoustics, 4M Building Solutions, Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Inter-State Studio, Kansas City Audio Visual, Midwest Bus Sales, Inc., Midwest Transit Equipment, OSBA/Acrisure, Quality Network Solutions, Rural Schools Initiative (UCM), Stifel & U-First Reconstruction.

Outstanding Rural Education Awards - MARE recognized the following individuals during the Conference Awards Luncheon on October 17, 2024:

Outstanding Rural Support Staff – Caleb Fairley, Newtown-Harris R-III

Outstanding Rural Teacher Award – Thomas Unfried, Spokane R-VII

Outstanding Rural Administrator Award – Lexie Wallace, Roscoe C-1

Outstanding Rural School District Award – Phelps County R-III

MO K-8 Administrator of the Year – Dr. Tara Roberts, Taneyville R-II

Friend of Rural Education – Ms. Kay McMurtrey

**** Check out the website for various photos from the Conference!**

Report It, Don't Repost It

(Credit to Meredith Probst of Jackson R-2 for this!)

Students, as a reminder, threats are never a joke, they are not funny. If you see something that you feel could be a threat or something that could put anyone in danger, report it to an adult immediately. An adult could be a parent, teacher, school administrator, and/or local law enforcement.

You should never re-share or forward the post to other students for the sake of gossip, even through text messages, or social media- or you may become involved in the investigation. Report it, don't repost it! Report threats to trusted adults such as parents, school administrators, and local law enforcement. You can also contact the Missouri Highway Patrol through the "Courage 2 Report" helpline. Text CR2 to 738477.

Any student found making threats or being involved in passing along gossip of possible threats creating false alarms rather than reporting could face strong disciplinary action in accordance with the student handbook and board policy due to the material substantial disruptions in the school environment caused by such activity. Such activities create substantial disruptions in the school environment.

Those students who are guilty of making threats, disruptive alleged threats that may be deemed as "not credible", or false alarms, could result in a 180-day suspension or possibly permanent expulsion from public school.

Not only could students face disciplinary action at school, but they could face legal consequences with both juvenile and law enforcement. One poor choice could negatively impact a student for a lifetime. And all these types of choices make school feel less safe for students and staff. Think before you post or speak.

Quote of the Week

"I don't see how a pumpkin patch can be more sincere than this one."

Linus - "It's the Great Pumpkin – Charlie Brown"

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please access these links: [September 20, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#), [September 27, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#), [October 04, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#), [October 11, 2024 NREA Weekly Update](#)

National School Public Relations Association Academy

Are you a superintendent of a small district without a communications staff? The National School Public Relations Association is hosting an academy just for you! Learn more about how to:

🔍 Effectively review, measure and **strengthen their district's current communication practices.**

📄 Develop a plan for **consistent communication with employees** across the district.

🔗 Evaluate and **leverage communication tools strategically** to streamline efforts and elevate results.

🏠 **Develop an effective crisis communication plan** that includes processes and procedures, scripts and more.

👥 Better understand and **define clear and appropriate communication boundaries** for school board members and other district leaders.

🤝 Strengthen **communication and engagement efforts** with the community around **bond and ballot issues.**

The academy is set up as a monthly, two-hour virtual meeting beginning in November with all sessions recorded. BONUS: your registration in the academy also provides you with a full day of training at the NSPRA Seminar in Washington, D.C. on July 19, 2025.

Additionally, this Academy is being facilitated by one of our own MOSPRA members, Jill Filer, Harrisonville Schools and MOSPRA member Marci Orr is a guest during one of the monthly modules.

Enroll now: <https://bit.ly/3yYcRNK>



Jill Filer

Director of Communications
Harrisonville Schools



✉ jill.filer@harrisonvilleschools.org

☎ +1 816 380 2727 ext. 1224

🌐 www.harrisonvilleschools.org

🔗 What's Great Today?



SAVE CONTACT

ServPro Priority Service Arrangements Opportunity

It was a pleasure seeing all the rural school district superintendents at the MARE fall conference.

We truly value the experience and look forward to being a Major sponsor for years to come.

We're excited to introduce a MARE 30-day offer for our Priority Service arrangement. This will expire on November 17th, so take advantage while it lasts.

This initiative is designed to give you peace of mind during large-scale disasters affecting your campuses.

With this service, you will receive VIP "Next Truck Out" service, ensuring limited delays, reducing business interruption, further damage to structural integrity, and lower costs.

Our emergency services and disaster recovery aim to mitigate these risks, ensuring your district has a partner to handle emergencies rapidly, effectively and safeguard your District's reputation.

Thank you for the opportunity to connect, and we look forward to supporting you in the future.

Courtney Wille
Commercial Accounts Representative
Cell: (660)525-3822
Work: (816)723-9966
24/7 EMERGENCY LINE: (816)246-5566
Email: c.wille@servproteamjones.com
Website: www.servproleessummit.com

MOCAAT – What Can You Do for Me?

The MOCAAT® Advantage: Missouri's Trusted Financial Management Resource for School Districts.

Our experienced team, with broad expertise in Missouri school budgeting, finance, and investments, thoroughly manages over \$3 billion in assets for over 240 Missouri Participants, including school districts (as of September 30, 2024).

Since inception in 2020, MOCAAT has provided a new level of service and performance to Missouri communities.

Our philosophy – Partnership.

Maximize the potential of your reserve funds, tax revenues, state revenues, and bond proceeds with our professional guidance.

For financial support tailored to your district's unique needs, contact us:



John Jungmann
Vice-President
Investment Services

(417) 228-4148
jjungmann@pmanetwork.com



Jason Hoffman
Vice-President
Investment Services

(573) 212-6258
jhoffman@pmanetwork.com



Paul Ziegler
Coordinator, Sales &
Relationship Manager

(417) 387-6005
pziegler@pmanetwork.com

MOPERC Grant Opportunity

Through the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, Missouri school districts can apply to the Missouri Propane School Bus Grant program to receive reimbursement **grants of \$24,250 per propane bus**, with a maximum of four buses per school. Applications are open now through December 15, 2024.



CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS

DESE – Social Studies Curriculum Information/Opportunities

Here is the latest newsletter: [Engage Missouri: Social Studies Leaders Newsletter 1.5](#) There is a lot of stuff in this one so I apologize it may be a bit more than a 5 minute read.



[Engage Missouri: Social Studies Newsletter 1.5](#)

Engage Missouri: Social Studies Leaders Newsletter 1.5 October Click on the tabs to see the docs.
docs.google.com

EdPlus Innovate Conference Information – Discounted Pricing

We have opened up [registration](#) for the innovate 2025 conference scheduled for February 23 - 25, 2025. This is our annual conference that highlights innovative practices throughout the region/state in the areas of leadership, instruction design, equity and technology. This year, attendees will have the choice of 1-day or 2-day registration, and all attendees can attend the Sunday evening Keynote Kick-off event.

We have a special September deal for EdPlus non-members that may be of interest to your school districts. School districts can purchase 10 spots and save 15% on their registration. They can mix and match these spots for 1-day or 2-day registrations for their educators. They can contact Allie Quicke at aquicke@edplus.org before September 30 to secure their spots. Additional information about innovate can be accessed on our website at edplus.org.

Attached are a graphic and flyer about this special that you can utilize to share with your

members.

We look forward to announcing our keynote speakers in the coming weeks and I will send you that information when it is announced.

Thank you for helping us spread the word about #innovate25! Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Christine

Christine Stanek McDonald
Director of Communications
EducationPlus
1460 Craig Road | St. Louis, MO 63146
o: 314.692.1233 | c: 314.443.6990

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

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.

It has to be a great feeling, knowing that what you are doing every day is noticed and appreciated by someone under your care! Never give up on your quest to make a difference! We appreciate all of you for what you do for our kids, our parents, our communities and our state!

Happy Halloween!

Top Drone Academy Conference



2024
November 18 & 19

Top Drone Academy Conference

Designed for secondary or post-secondary students, educators, and adults to attend 1 or 2 days.

Learn from professionals with extensive experience in drone piloting, commercial operations, and drone-related industries.

State-wide Drone Contest.



Workshop Topics

Agriculture	Law Enforcement	Engineering	Journalism
Construction	Transportation	Starting A Drone Program	
Entrepreneurship	Real Estate	Maintenance & Repair	

Cost - \$50.00 for one day or
\$70.00 for both days

For More Information

Linda.Stinson@dese.mo.gov
Byekwaso.Gilbert@dese.mo.gov
Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Top Drone Academy
Held at Old Kinderhook Resort
Camdenton, MO

MARE Organization Staff

Kevin F. Sandlin -- Cell Phone: (660) 351-0596 -- Email: ksandlin@moare.com

Executive Director

Jerry L Cochran, EdD. -- Cell Phone: (660) 596-3184 -- Email: jcochran@moare.com

Assistant Executive Director

Ray V. Patrick, EdD. -- Cell Phone: (660) 909 – 5118 – Email: rpatrick@moare.com

Associate Director

Missouri Association of Rural Education

710 N College, Suite C
Warrensburg, Missouri 64093
(660) 747-8050
Fax: (660) 747-8160
Website: www.moare.com

If you are the intended recipient but do not wish to receive communication through this medium, please notify the sender immediately.