



MARE Focus

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ENDORSEMENTS

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Claim Care, Inc.

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Hamlin Energy

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L.J. Hart & Company

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

Superintendent Search Program - One of the many services that MARE provides is a quality, yet affordable Superintendent Search Program. If you are retiring this year or making plans to move, we would welcome the opportunity to work with your district to find the next leader. Contact Kevin Sandlin, MARE Executive Director, at (660) 747-8050 or ksandlin@moare.com for more information. **Stay tuned for upcoming Vacancy Announcements!**

Commissioner Vandeven's Video on Assessment - DESE has released a video in which Dr. Vandeven addresses the Assessment Data from last year's testing and how this should be reviewed and utilized moving forward. I would encourage all of you to view this video and share with your Board, school staff and community at large. [DESE Assessment Data Video](#)

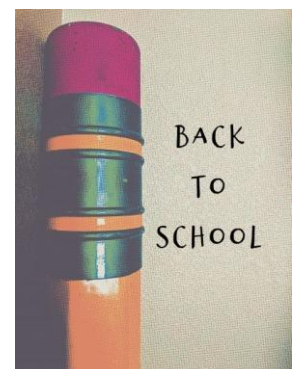
Board Refresher Training Video - A link to the new video for Mandatory Board Refresher Training was emailed to all paid or committed via purchase order MARE member school districts on Monday, September 6th. If you did not receive the video and have questions, please reach out to me at (660) 747-8050. Special thanks to our partners at EdCounsel, LLC for producing this video for us!

MARE Welcomes New School District Members - MARE is thrilled to welcome Bolivar R-I, Climax Springs R-IV, Newburg R-II, Monett R-I, Spickard R-II, Bucklin R-II, Licking R-VIII, Appleton City R-II, Gilman City R-IV, Grain Valley R-V, Republic R-III, Crane R-III, North Nodaway Co. R-VI & Billings R-IV as new or returning MARE member school districts. These 14 new or returning school districts are welcomed by the other 380 MARE member districts. If you have questions about MARE membership, I would welcome the opportunity to visit with you!

Learning Blade Webinar Opportunities

Ready, Set, Learning Blade!

Remember to register below for one of this week's **Learning Blade** virtual training webinars to learn how to navigate this **free statewide STEM/CTE/CS resource**, which is aligned to state standards. Perfect for grades 5-9 to help increase career exploration and awareness for your students.



Choose one of this week's 60-minute sessions below:

TOMORROW!!

Tuesday, September 7, 2021
8:00 am Central

[9/7 Registration](#)

Wednesday, September 8, 2021
11:00 am Central

[9/8 Registration](#)

Thursday, September 9, 2021
3:00 pm Central

[9/9 Registration](#)

*If the above dates and times do not work for your schedule, please [email us](mailto:info@LearningBlade.com) at info@LearningBlade.com.

MARE Welcomes New Associate Members

-MARE is pleased to welcome STEP Up Consulting, Poettker Construction, Integrated Facility Services, Fired UP Consulting, Universal Construction Company, DFH Consulting, Kincaid IT & Aptegy as new Associate Members. More information will be provided in an upcoming MARE Focus and on the MARE website regarding these organizations and how they can be of service to your local school district.

Kincaid IT Free Webinar Opportunity

Kincaid IT's **Google Workspace Domain Security** free webinar is just two days away! Join educational technology expert Joe Smysor, Cloud Specialist for this informative seminar. Have you secured a spot at this event? RSVP today!

[RSVP online here.](#)

Expect a 30-minute presentation, followed by 15-minutes for Q & A.

COST

No cost to you or your team

WHEN

- Thursday, September 9, 2021
- 11 am Central Standard Time

PRESENTER

Joe Smysor/Cloud Specialist

Joe has over ten years of experience in education and non-profit technology, including 5 years in technology integration, 5 years in cybersecurity, and 6 years as the Google Workspace administrator for a large school district. Joe currently has Professional Collaboration Engineer Certification from Google Cloud and is an Apple Learning Specialist.



Please [RSVP for this free webinar event here.](#)

Thank you,



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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 is posted on the MARE website at www.moare.com!

[2021 Conference Registration Form](#)
[2021 MARE/MO K-8 "Conference Planner at a Glance"](#)
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[2021 Outstanding Rural Awards Nomination Form](#)

LDS Series - Legislative Advocacy - District Leaders Need to Own It!

MASA, MOASBO and MARE are pleased to offer the following LDS Series workshop.

District leaders are charged with many important responsibilities including the need to be an effective legislative advocate for your district and the students it serves. MASA, MoASBO and MARE have designed a workshop for superintendents, assistant superintendents, and chief financial officers, that will give participants the knowledge and confidence to build relationships with those at the state capitol, to advocate for good legislation, and to push back against legislation that is harmful to your districts and public education.

This workshop will address the following topics:

- Building relationships with legislators so your voice is effective.
- Preparing to make a positive impact when testifying in a committee hearing.
- Interpreting the potential impact of bills that are filed and responding to fiscal notes.
- Understanding the logistics of the Capitol facility and how a bill becomes law.

Date: September 27, 2021

Time: 9:00 am. to 12:00 pm.

Location: In person event - MCSA Education Center, 3550 Amazonas Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109 or chose to participate online via webinar.

Cost: \$60 (includes box lunch). There is no charge if you are participating as a first-year superintendent in the MASA Workshop Discount Program

Deadline for Registration: Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

This workshop is part of the MASA LDS Series in collaboration with MoASBO and MARE.

[Register Now!](#)

CANCELLATION POLICY: Workshops registration cancellations will only be accepted in writing, by fax or email 72 hours (three business days) prior to the event. All cancellations received less than 72 hours prior to the event will be subject to the full registration charge. ALL cancellations will be subject to a \$20 administrative charge. No shows will be charged the full amount.

eMINTS National Center - Job Opportunity

The eMINTS National Center at the University of Missouri is hiring an Education Instructional Specialist to help us in our mission to improve education for students and teachers. eMINTS offers a collaboration team, remote work, great benefits and a sense of mission. Please find the job posting on Indeed or LinkedIn to apply today.

<https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=Education%20Instruction%20specialist%20eMINTS&l=columbia%20mo&vjk=3b2e8b3d95895076>

<https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/search/?currentJobId=2697881239&geoid=101217439&keywords=emints&location=Columbia%2C%20Missouri%2C%20United%20States>

Contact Tad Brinkerhoff at brinkerhoffc@missouri.edu for any questions.

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MARE Announces New Energy Management Program in Partnership with Hamlin Energy

MARE is pleased to announce our new partnership with Hamlin Energy as we roll out the new MARE Energy Management Program. The information copied below will be mailed to all current MARE member school districts sometime next week. We are very excited about this new partnership and the opportunities for access, service and savings that are available within the program. If you would like more information on the MARE Energy Management Program, please contact Mike Williams (Missouri Representative) at (417) 499-0591 or Rhonda Hamlin at (713) 248-7662.

Dear School Administrator:

For Missouri school district members, the Missouri Association of Rural Education (MARE) is pleased to announce that the MARE Executive Board has engaged in a partnership with HAMLIN ENERGY as the exclusive energy management consulting team for MARE. This relationship marks the beginning of the MARE ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

Ongoing changes and the unforeseen burdens caused by the Winter Storm Uri this past February has energy management on the top of everyone's agenda. Hamlin Energy, as MARE's new energy management consultant, is ready to work with your school to develop an energy strategy best suited for your specific needs.

Natural gas transportation programs and the options available to consumers can be challenging and confusing at best. Hamlin Energy has the experience and industry relationships that will allow your schools to make informed and educated decisions about natural gas purchasing, energy incentive programs and taking advantage of utility rebate and refund opportunities.

MARE believes with this new partnership that Hamlin Energy, as our energy consultant, can bring greater value to far more members across the state of Missouri than just having a single natural gas supplier (Pro Energy Solutions) than can serve only limited areas of the state. Plus, you get the added bonus of working with an energy manager to explore other opportunities available to you.

If your school system is interested in knowing more about the new MARE Energy Management Program, you will be able to find information on the MARE website at www.moare.com under the Associate Member tab for Hamlin Energy.

You will find attached a one-page informational sheet on the MARE Energy Management Program. Hamlin Energy works with numerous natural gas suppliers throughout Missouri and, as your energy manager, will facilitate a smooth transition to transportation gas with a supplier best suited for your needs and to protect your budgets. Hamlin Energy will also be discussing with each school various programs and opportunities available to help decrease spending and bring value to the services offered by this new program.

Specific questions about this new partnership may be directed to Mike Williams at (417) 499-0591 or Rhonda Hamlin at (713) 248-7662.

NREA News - For all of the latest news from our national affiliate, please click on these links: [NREA Weekly Update - August 27, 2021](#), [NREA Weekly Update - September 3, 2021](#)

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 (Conference)

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

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

**** Will be closed at 30 registrants plus a few alternates!**

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.

Quote of the Week

"Leadership is the capacity to transform vision into reality." – Warren G. Bennis

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