



MARE Focus

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The annual MARE/MoK-8 Conference was a great success. There were some great speakers, breakout sessions and entertainment. On behalf of both the MARE and MoK-8 associations, I want to thank those that attended and participated in the program activities. We are already planning for another great conference in 2017.

Also a big Thank YOU to those that supported the MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament held on Wednesday before the MARE/MoK-8 Conference. Our player numbers were down this year, but those in attendance had a great time playing in the on and off light rain showers. We are evaluating the possibility of moving the tournament back to the Tuesday afternoon after the Commissioners Meeting in August. Please let us know if you have any thoughts or concerns?

School Board Training Dates:

At this time no training dates have been set until after the April 2017 Board Election. If you have board members still in need of training, please let us know and we will see if there is enough interest in different areas of the state.

Tarkio R-I Superintendent Search Announcement

The Missouri Association of Rural Education has been retained by the Tarkio R-I Board of Education to conduct a search for their next Superintendent.

If you or you know of someone that might be interested in completing the application process, please refer to the announcement and the application that can be found on the MARE website: www.moare.com Click on the application for Superintendent.

The deadline for receipt of the application and supporting

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materials is **Wednesday November 2, 2016**. Should you have questions, contact Dr. Mike Jinks (MARE Search Consultant) – Phone: (660) 441-7473 or Email: 19mj46@charter.net.

Bowling Green R-I Superintendent Search Announcement

The Missouri Association of Rural Education has been retained by the Bowling Green R-I Board of Education to conduct a search for their next Superintendent.

If you or you know of someone that might be interested in completing the application process, please refer to the announcement and the application that can be found on the MARE website: www.moare.com Click on the application for Superintendent.

The deadline for receipt of the application and supporting materials is **Friday, October 28, 2016**. Should you have questions, contact Dr. Paul Ricker (MARE Search Consultant) – Phone: (573) 365-4703 or Email: paulricker1@charter.net

Other Administrative Openings on MARE Website:

Higbee R-VIII School District – Superintendent – located in Randolph County. For questions, contact current Supt. Darrell Treece at (660) 456-7277. Deadline for applications is **October 28, 2016**.

Oak Hill R-I School District – Superintendent – located in Dent County. For questions, contact current Supt. Deron Gibbs at (573) 729-5618. Deadline for applications is **November 21, 2016**.

Woodland R-IV School District – Superintendent – located in Bollinger County. For questions, contact current Supt. Dan Schlief at (573) 238-3343. Deadline for applications is **November 22, 2016**.

Missouri Coordinated School Health Conference (24th) The Power of Partners: Strengthening Schools, Family and Community Connections

Date: December 1-3, 2016

Location: Lodge of Four Seasons – Lake Ozark, MO

The goal of the conference is to present the most up-to-date

information about effective coordinated school health programs. The purpose of the presentations is to foster and support learning, dialogue and collaboration that will improve the performance of practicing professionals working to impact the health, safety and well-being of children.

Register online: www.healthykidsmo.org/conference

Missouri United School Insurance Council – 32nd Annual Membership Meeting.

Date: January 26 & 27, 2017

Location: Lodge of Four Seasons – Lake Ozark, MO

To register online for the meeting – go to

www.musicprogram.org.

Missouri Consultants for Education:

The August, 2016 policy/regulation/forms updates are currently available on the MCE website – <http://www.moconed.com> – For your convenience, access to the updates is located on the homepage under “**Updates**” section on the left side of the page.

Expect some additional updates within the next week that will cover policy changes needed following the recent veto session of the legislature.

Missouri School Directory 2016-2017:

As was indicated in the annual membership renewal, MARE is making a copy of the Missouri School Directory (last one published 2010-2011) available to each MARE member school district and associate member. These will be mailed out next week to district Supt.’s, that did not pick theirs up at a regional meeting or at the conference.

“RYH4K” (Amendment 3)

The MARE Executive Board is one of several organizations in Missouri that are opposed to the passage of the initiative – “Raise Your Hands for Kids.” The MARE organization very much supports the need for Early Childhood Education but has some serious concerns about some of the language found within this ballot issue and the effect its passage would have on rural school districts in Missouri.

“RYH4K allows the new tobacco tax funds to be sent to private or parochial schools. This is accomplished by using language which states that, “Distributions of funds under this amendment shall not be limited or prohibited by the provisions of Article IX, section 8,” This language is specifically designed to circumvent the Blaine Amendment, which is part of the Missouri state constitution.

It's About Big Tobacco's Profits, Not Kids. It seems unusual that Big Tobacco would support a tobacco tax increase. It makes more sense, however, when it is understood that Amendment 3 ALSO includes language to help major tobacco brands drive up the price of their low-cost competitors.

The extremely flawed Amendment 3 also creates a non-elected commission (no one from education associations) to manage and fund the Early Childhood Program with very little accountability. This creates a dangerous precedent for Missouri. Non-elected commissioners are not accountable to the voters and taxpayers of Missouri and may seek to promote their own private agendas.

RYH4K doesn't want voters to read the full measure. I encourage voters to do so.

Funding for early childhood education is very important, but should not be driven by Big Tobacco and other political interests. Remember both candidates for Governor as well as over 100 legislators have come out opposed to Amendment 3.

MARE Superintendent Search Services:

The MARE Association provides this service as part of its continued commitment to foster strong board/superintendent relationships and to enhance school district leadership in Missouri. Should your school district be in the early stages of a superintendent search for the 2017-2018 school year, the MARE search consultants would be happy to provide a search proposal.

The board of education will receive a customized service through collaborative work with the search consultant as well as designing the timeline to embrace the complete commitment to the search including, but not limited to: recruitment, screening, reference checks, scheduling and protocol for candidate interviews, planning meetings with the board and onsite visits.

For additional information, please contact the MARE office (660) 747-8050. Our team of search consultants this year are Dr. Mike Jinks, Dr. Paul Ricker, and Dr. Craig Eaton.

Quote of the Week:

"Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education."
--Martin Luther King, Jr.

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