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Current Superintendent Searches being conducted by the Missouri Association of Rural Education:

Silex R-I School District – Deadline for receipt of the application and supporting materials is **Friday, February 2nd**. Dr. Paul Ricker is the search consultant – Phone – (573) 365-4703 or email: paulricker1@charter.net.

Cooper Co. R-IV School District (Bunceton) – Deadline for receipt of the application and supporting materials is **Friday February 10th**. Dr. Craig Eaton is the search consultant – Phone – (660) 492-0811 or email: craigdeaton87@gmail.com.

Harrisburg R-VIII School District – Deadline for receipt of the application and supporting materials is **Friday, February 10th**. Dr. Mike Jinks is the search consultant – Phone – (660) 441-7473 or email: 19mj46@charter.net.

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.

Other Administrator Positions Listed on MARE website: (located under Vacancies)

Hume R-VIII Superintendent Vacancy – Deadline is Friday, January 27. Contact is Melody Mikoff – (660) 643-7411 or email: mwikoff@humer8.k12.mo.us.

North Callaway R-I Elementary Principal Vacancy – Deadline: (open until filled). Contact is Dr. Bryan Thomsen at (573) 386-2214 or email: bmaddox@nc.k12.mo.us.

Livingston Co. R-III – PK-8 Administrator/Principal – Deadline is Tuesday, February 14. Contact is (660) 639-3135.

Pleasant Hill R-III Deputy Superintendent Vacancy –
Deadline is Friday, February 17. Contact is Darlene Eslick
– (816) 540-3161 or Email:
deslick@pleasanthillschools.com.

Rolla #31 – Chief Financial Officer – Deadline: (open until
filled). Contact is Mr. Kelly Hinshaw – (573) 458-0100.

Oran R-III High School Principal – Deadline: (Open until
filled). Contact Mr. Blane Keel at (573) 262-2330 or
bkeel@oran.k12.mo.us.

Other Openings:

Richards R-V School District Elementary Guidance
Counselor. Deadline: (Open until filled). Contact Dr.
Melonie Bunn – (417) 256-5239 or
mbunn@richardsschool.k12.mo.us.

School Board Training Dates:

*The Missouri Association of Rural Education has made
arrangements to provide two Board Training
workshops.*

January 27th-28th – Poplar Bluff Holiday Inn

February 17th-18th – Brookfield YMCA

*The Board training workshops will be held if the desired
number of Board members sign up for the events. Click
on this link, Board Training Registration, to access the
form. **(If the district is not required to hold an
election but will have one or more new board
members, they may complete their training prior to
being sworn in at the April meeting.)***

High School Seniors Scholarship Opportunity:

*MARE is pleased to announce that the organization will
be accepting applications for up to ten (10) \$500.00
scholarships that will be awarded to Seniors in MARE
member districts who have expressed interest in
pursuing a degree in education. The guidelines,
timeline, application and other pertinent information can
be found on the MARE website: (www.moare.com).*

Guidelines for the Rural Missouri Scholarship Fund.

The level of economic development of an area is directly related to the quality of education available. To improve economic development in rural Missouri, an adequate number of well trained, dedicated teachers must be available to instruct in rural school districts. MARE is making available 10 -- \$1,000 scholarships.

Application and guidelines are now available on the MARE website (www.moare.com). All Missouri colleges/universities offering teacher education programs have been notified of this scholarship opportunity.

Components of the Scholarship Selection Criteria:

- Only junior and senior level Missouri college/university students qualify as scholarship recipients. (Exception – Colleges/Universities that do not approve students' major in education until they are enrolled in a 5th year program.)
- Eligible students are those who have successfully completed 60 credit hours and have declared a major in education.
- A scholarship recipient may reapply in a subsequent year for another scholarship.
- Applicants must have achieved a 2.5 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Application Deadline: March 24, 2017

The annual National Rural Education Association Foundation Essay Contest

allows contestants to participate in three divisions: elementary, middle/junior high and high school. Grades 3-8 may participate in a written essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. Grades 9-12 may participate in a video essay contest using the provided prompt and rubric. The winner of the elementary division (3-5) receives \$250. The runner-up will receive \$100. The winners in the middle/junior high and high school divisions receive \$400. The runner-ups receive a \$200 prize. For contest guidelines, prompts, and rubrics go to the National Rural Education Association website (www.nrea.net). Deadline for submission is April 1st.

Annual Election of Executive Board Members:

Missouri Association of Rural Education Executive Board

Members shall serve two-year terms and are eligible for re-election. Elections or appointments shall be scheduled by the Executive Board with new Executive Board members taking office effective July 1, which is the beginning of the new fiscal year. For more information access this link: [Annual Election of Executive Board Members](#).

Workshops Scheduled:

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri will be providing a series of workshops entitled, "Sports Concussions: Facts, Fallacies and New Frontiers". Workshops are scheduled as follows:

January 26th – St. Louis

February 2nd – Kansas City

February 9th – Columbia

February 23rd – Springfield

March 2nd – Cape Girardeau

All workshops are scheduled from 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Access the link on the MARE website, www.moare.com, for more information!

MCE Policy Updates

The January, 2017 MCE Policy Updates are now available on the MCE website. Go to www.moconed.com to download.

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.

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 includes Dr. Mike Jinks, Dr. Paul Ricker and Dr. Craig Eaton.

Save the Dates:

2017 MARE Scholarship Golf Tournament – Tuesday, August 1st at Osage National Golf Course – 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Registration forms and more information will be posted soon.

2017 MARE/MO K-8 Conference – Wednesday, October 18th through Friday, October 20th at The Lodge of the Four Seasons. Registration forms and more information will be posted in the Spring.

Quote of the Week:

“Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.”
--Albert Einstein--

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