Before 1993 local school board members were not required to receive any formal orientation or training. With the enactment of Senate Bill 380, “The Outstanding Schools Act of 1993,” all newly elected/appointed school board members are required to complete at least eighteen and one-half (18.5) hours of orientation and training within one year of their election or appointment. MARE, a statewide educational association, has provided training since the late 1990’s. The MARE training program is approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The Missouri Association of Rural Education annually provides 7-10 training sessions at different locations around the state. Using the traditional approach, each training session provides 14.5 hours of *face-to-face* training with a set curriculum, 1-2 hours of pre-training meeting time with the district Superintendent and 2-3 hours of video training. Topics to be discussed at the pre-training meeting include: district overview, district budget, CSIP, APR, etc. The new pre-training videos have been developed using legal counsel. Specific topics included in the face-to-face training sessions are:

* The Effective Board Member (Operations and Relations)
* Public School Laws of Missouri
* Public School Finance of Missouri
* Assessment of Students and the Local School District
* District Goal Setting and Strategic Planning.
* Identifying signs of sexual abuse in children
* Danger signals of potentially abusive relationships between children and adults

Newly elected and appointed Board of Education members or candidates interested in going through the training program should contact their Superintendent, Board Secretary, or the Executive Director of MARE to register for the training. **The MARE program is currently offered at no cost to the trainee.** Each school district is responsible for any board member travel expenses associated with the training.

***Registration may be completed by going to the MARE website (***[***www.moare.com***](http://www.moare.com)***) and completing and submitting the registration. Individuals may also download the registration form and submit by mail or fax.***

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