

# MUSIC MATTERS

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## Message From the Board Chairman

**Dr. Bernard Dubray**  
Superintendent of Schools  
Fort Zumwalt School District



As of March 1, the weather conditions have really improved from the weeks of February 8 and February 15. It wasn't the most snow we've ever seen in the St. Louis area, but the snow we had, coupled with the extremely cold temperatures, made for some of the roughest weeks I can ever remember. It certainly makes you appreciate the milder weather we have seen in the first part of March. By utilizing the AMI days, our district avoided adding five days at the end of the school year. For all of the advantages AMI provides, there are still some downsides that we all need to evaluate before deciding to continue their use in the future.

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The Board of Directors held two meetings in conjunction with the Annual Membership Meeting on January 28. The first was held at 4 p.m., January 27. It was a virtual meeting, and we continued to hear good reports from the staff on the financial conditions of MUSIC. Our Nominating Committee, consisting of Jeff Blackford and Phil Cook, recommended Jenny Ulrich, Jeanette Cowherd, and Tracy Bottoms for new three-year terms. This slate was approved unanimously at the General Membership Meeting on January 28. The Board of Directors held their second meeting at 1 p.m., January 28. At that meeting, the Board reorganized and elected Board Members to the same offices held during the previous year. As we go forward in 2021, the Board of Directors will hold meetings in June, September, and October. Please feel free to contact any of the Board members if you want us to discuss any issues with MUSIC.

We all very much look forward to continuing to serve our roles as Board members and to enhance the great services provided to our members. Best of luck as we move into spring and look toward graduations. I am very hopeful with the vaccines that are now being administered throughout the country and our state that we can look forward to normal procedures for the 2021-2022 school year.

## Updated Safety Manual

An updated safety manual has recently been added to the MUSIC website. This safety manual will provide your district valuable information to help reduce and control losses.

The safety manual provides some general information on the formation of a safety committee and implementation of a safety program. It also includes some basic safety rules and guidelines for all staff. In addition, the safety manual will also provide detailed information on topic specific subjects such as playground safety, science lab safety, safety inspections, transportation safety, and many other topics.

If you have any questions on the safety manual, would like to set up safety training, or would like any loss control assistance, please contact your MUSIC loss control team.



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## Message from the Executive Director

### Mr. Mark Stockwell

The 2021 MUSIC Membership Meeting was held virtually January 28, 2021. We're sad that we weren't able to meet in person but we did have a very strong turnout virtually. We were able to share the program results from last year and plans for this year. We also included presentations on timely topics including cyber threats and crime prevention opportunities. I'd also like to thank everyone that completed the meeting evaluation surveys. We want to hear your thoughts and appreciate you taking the time to share them. The reviews were very positive but everyone wants to be able to meet in person again soon.

The Dr. Gary VanMeter Awards for Excellence in Risk Management were presented to four members that have demonstrated outstanding efforts and results in maintaining safe school and work environments. The recipients were selected using quantitative claims experience and training data. The awards were presented to Everton R-III, Hickory County R-I, Pattonville School District, and North Central Missouri College. Congratulations to these member organizations for earning the 2021 Dr. Gary VanMeter Awards for Excellence in Risk Management.

The recipients of the 2021 MUSIC/Jack Holley Scholarships will be selected by the end of March and will be announced via email to the MUSIC membership. The selection committee has a very difficult task again this year as we received approximately 200 applications. There will be six \$2,000 scholarships awarded to graduating seniors with three funded from the proceeds of the MoASBO / MUSIC Golf Tournament and three more funded by donations from Mickes O'Toole, Gallagher Bassett, and Genex.

As I'm sure you're already aware, MOASBO is conducting their Spring Conference virtually this year due to the pandemic. As the MOASBO/ MUSIC Golf tournament is held in conjunction with the conference, we have decided to cancel it for this year and plan to be back to normal next Spring.

Thank you for your continued support of MUSIC and we look forward to the time we can meet safely in person again.

