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School Districts Honored with ASBO Budget Awards

Reston, VA – November 17, 2017 – The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is pleased to recognize the 160 participants in the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) and *Pathway to the MBA (Pathway)* programs for 2016–2017. ASBO International’s MBA and introductory *Pathway* award programs promote and recognize best practices in budget presentation.

Participants submit their budget applications for review by ASBO’s panel of financial professionals, and are assessed for compliance in accordance with the MBA Criteria Checklist and other program requirements. Districts that successfully demonstrate they have met the necessary requirements may earn either the MBA or *Pathway* award. Reviewers provide expert feedback, offering districts a learning opportunity to further improve their budget presentation. First-time applicants may apply for the introductory *Pathway* program to ease into the full MBA requirements.

“The MBA is the gold-star standard for school budget presentation and provides continued opportunity to improve,” ASBO International Executive Director John Musso explains. “Those who’ve taken that first step to improve their district’s budget development process should be commended. Building an accurate, easy-to-understand budget is critical for district leaders to positively engage with their communities.”

The MBA and *Pathway to the MBA* are sponsored by Voya Financial®, a top provider of retirement plans for the academic community and an ASBO International Strategic Partner. Voya Financial Senior Vice President Mark Jackowitz says, “We are honored to recognize this year’s MBA and *Pathway* recipients and applaud them for their commitment to excellence.”

Learn more about the MBA and *Pathway* award programs at asbointl.org/MBA.

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