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St. Francis School District School Business Official Earns North American School Finance and Operations Credential

St. Francis, WI, May 16, 2017– Jonathan Mitchell, Director of Finance and Operations, with the St. Francis School District, was recently awarded the Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations (SFO) certification by the Association for School Business Officials International (ASBO International). Jonathan Mitchell is one of less than 25 school business professionals in Wisconsin to achieve this certification.

The SFO Certification, a new certification by The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO International), is granted to highly qualified individuals who fulfill multiple requirements, including demonstrating eligibility (through work experience and education), passing a comprehensive two-part exam that tests competency in accounting and school business management topics, and adhering to the ASBO International Certification Code of Conduct.

Jonathan was hired by the St. Francis School District as the Business Manager in February 2013. He came to St. Francis after serving as the Business Manager for the Deerfield Community School District. He also served in Greenfield and the Racine Unified School District. Jonathan has an undergraduate degree in Accounting and International Business from UW-Madison and a Master's Degree in School Business Management from UW-Whitewater. Jonathan was recently promoted to the position of Director of Finance and Operations in October 2016.

"School business officials are the chief fiscal officers for school districts and hold an influential position in the community," says John Musso, CAE, RSBA, executive director of ASBO International. "By earning the SFO certification, professionals validate their specialized knowledge and demonstrate a commitment to high standards and ethical practice in school business management."

School business officials who have earned the SFO Certification commit to ongoing professional development, renew the certification annually, and undergo recertification every three years.

About ASBO International

The Association of School Business Officials International (www.asbointl.org) is a global professional association of more than 5,000 school business management professionals who are responsible for financial decisions in K–12 school districts, community colleges, universities, and state departments of education. Founded in 1910, it sets the standard for accountability, transparency, and integrity in school business management practices and provides professional growth opportunities and certification to advance the profession. ASBO International is headquartered in Reston, Virginia, 25 miles west of Washington, D.C. For more information, please visit www.asbointl.org

About St. Francis School District

The St. Francis School District is located in St. Francis, Wisconsin and consists of one primary school, one intermediate school and one high school. The District is one of two in the State of Wisconsin that have achieved District Level Accreditation. The approximately 1,125 students of our school district live either in the City of St. Francis or from around the surrounding areas. We are a school of destination for resident and non-resident students due to of our size and our ability to make a true commitment to the individual student. To learn more about the St. Francis School District, go to www.stfrancisschools.org.