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Local School Official Earns Certification for Fiscal Credibility

Reston, VA – December 11, 2024 – The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is pleased to announce that Tara Weatherell, SFO, Business Manager, White River Valley Supervisory Union, South Royalton, VT, has earned the Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations® (SFO®). School business professionals who earn the SFO certification have proven they have the knowledge, expertise, and fiscal credibility to lead their school district and effectively manage its finances.

"ASBO International's SFO certification is an internationally recognized standardized assessment for school business officials. Increasingly we are seeing that certification is a driver that helps to raise the bar for sound fiscal management across all school districts," says ASBO International Executive Director James Rowan, CAE, SFO. "SFOs are keenly sought after due to their experience and expertise in appropriately allocating resources to meet their constituents' current and future needs."

The SFO designation is granted to highly qualified school business professionals who fulfill multiple requirements, including demonstrating certification eligibility (through work experience and education); passing a comprehensive exam that tests competency in accounting and school business management topics; and adhering to the ASBO International Certification Code of Conduct. School business officials who have earned the SFO certification commit to ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

For more information about ASBO International's SFO certification, visit <u>asbointl.org/SFO</u>.

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