



**ASSOCIATION OF  
SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS  
INTERNATIONAL**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Allison Barton-Kramer  
866.682.2729 x7079  
[abarton-kramer@asbointl.org](mailto:abarton-kramer@asbointl.org)

**Local School Official Earns Certification for Fiscal Credibility**

Reston, VA – February 23, 2018 – The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is pleased to announce that Stephanie Elise Norris, SFO, Business Manager, Mexico Public Schools, Mexico, Missouri, has earned the Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations® (SFO®). School business professionals who earn the SFO certification have proven that they have the required knowledge, expertise, and fiscal credibility to lead their school district and effectively manage the district's finances.

“ASBO International’s SFO certification is the only internationally recognized certification for school business officials,” says ASBO International Executive Director John Musso. “As school districts are pressed more than ever to be accountable to their communities, having an SFO at the helm demonstrates that the district is committed to being a trustworthy steward of taxpayer dollars and to effectively allocating educational resources to support student success.”

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 two-part 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, renewing the certification annually, and undergoing recertification every three years.

ASBO International Strategic Partner Horace Mann is the proud sponsor of the SFO certification program. “The role of school business officials is important,” says James Yale, vice president of association relations at Horace Mann. “Showing our support of school business officials as they distinguish themselves and helping to promote recognition of their professional development is equally important.”

For more information about ASBO International’s SFO certification, visit [asbointl.org/SFO](http://asbointl.org/SFO).

# # #

**About ASBO International**

Founded in 1910, the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is a nonprofit organization that, through its members and affiliates, represents approximately 30,000 school business professionals worldwide. ASBO International is committed to providing



ASSOCIATION OF  
SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS  
INTERNATIONAL

programs, services, and a global network that promote the highest standards in school business. Its members support student achievement through effective resource management in various areas ranging from finance and operations to food services and transportation. Learn more at [asbointl.org](http://asbointl.org).

**About Horace Mann**

*Founded by Educators for Educators®*, Horace Mann aspires to be the company of choice to help all educators prepare for a successful tomorrow. Exceptional educators are critical to the success of their students. Horace Mann can help attract and retain more of them to the profession by providing solutions that make their financial lives easier and their careers more rewarding. For more information about the company, visit [horacemann.com](http://horacemann.com).