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Resolution on School Business Official Certification

Whereas, The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO), representing approximately 6,000 school business officials in 24 countries, 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 10 Canadian provinces has consistently promoted the highest standards of school business management practices, professional growth, and the effective use of educational resources;

Whereas, Because one of ASBO's roles is to promote the highest standards of school business management practices, ASBO created professional standards intended to a) assist those currently working in the profession of school business management to perform their duties as expertly as possible, b) better delineate the content of both the pre-service and professional development experiences of those entering or seeking growth in the profession, c) provide a framework for establishing accreditation standards for higher education institutions involved in training school business officials, d) present a model from which to build certification standards for the profession, and e) aid local decision-makers in seeking and securing the best person for the job of school business official;

Whereas, Only 16 states and 1 Canadian province require school business officials to hold a certification or licensure, and to have had training, education, and/or experience specific to their role within a school district;

Whereas, Only 15 ASBO Affiliates offer voluntary school business certification;

RESOLVED by the Association of School Business Officials International that:

- ASBO International should serve as an information resource for school business official certification and as such should maintain and update the professional standards.
- K-12 education is supported almost entirely at the state, province, and/or local level, therefore school business official certification (required or voluntary) should be created and facilitated at the state/province level.
- At minimum the chief school business official should hold a state/province required school business certification or a voluntary certification offered by an ASBO Affiliate.

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