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Congratulations to the 2008 Eagle Award Recipients

RESTON, VA – August 25, 2008 – The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) applauds the 2008 school business officials of the year with the Eagle Award for their achievements in school business management and demonstration of leadership.

Nancy K. McKay, Chief Financial Officer, Jenks Public Schools, Jenks, OK, is the International Eagle Award winner. Known for her high energy professionalism and fiscal responsibility at the local, state, and national levels, McKay was instrumental in her district's 2005 Malcolm Baldrige Award.

Congratulations to the Distinguished Professional Eagle Award recipients:

- **Margaret F. Boice**, Deputy Superintendent, Norwich City School District, Norwich, NY
- **Dr. Cheryl M. Crates**, Chief Financial Officer, Community Unit School District #300, Carpentersville, IL
- **Melody E. Douglas**, Chief Financial Officer, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, Soldotna, AK.

Formal presentation of the awards will take place on November 8 at ASBO's 2008 Annual Meeting and Exhibits in Denver, Colorado. As the International Eagle Award recipient, McKay will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship to present to a high school student. Boice, Crates, and Douglas each will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship to award.

The highest honor ASBO bestows upon its members, the Eagle Awards have been honoring exemplary school business officials for more than 15 years. John Musso, Executive Director, ASBO International, says: "School business officials often work behind the scenes in education, but their hard work makes sure that students have a way to get to school, feel safe in their classrooms, and have the supplies they need to learn and grow. These award recipients are to be commended for their accomplishments that benefit so many others."

The Eagle Awards are sponsored by AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company. "AXA Equitable is proud to support the Eagle Awards," said Bernadette Mitchell, Vice President, Retirement Benefits Group. "We are very impressed with the accomplishments these leaders have made to education and their communities."

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ASBO International, founded in 1910, is a professional organization of nearly 6,000 members that provides programs and services to promote the highest standards of school business management practices, professional growth, and the effective use of educational resources.