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**ASBO International  
Discontinues Facilities Masters Award Program**

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For the past several years, ASBO International has offered the Facilities Masters Award program to honor and recognize school districts for excellence in school facilities maintenance and management. During that time, more than 20 school districts have earned this esteemed award. School Dude.com has been the exclusive sponsor of this program, which is built upon best practices identified in the [\*Planning Guide for Maintaining School Facilities\*](#).

Although there has been interest in the best practices, professional development, and facilities education programs in general, after reviewing the program and the needs of school facilities professionals, ASBO and SchoolDude.com have determined there is not enough growth to warrant continuation of the award program.

SchoolDude.com has proudly sponsored the program and promoted it through various means, including the development of several regional and state-level Facilities Masters Conferences that have been held in partnership with ASBO state affiliates and other partners. These conferences have been well attended and well received due in large part to the training, professional development, and peer networking the events provide. SchoolDude.com will continue to support these regional conferences in conjunction with ASBO affiliates.

ASBO recognizes the significant role facilities professionals have in education and will seek new ways to educate, train, and recognize them. Recently, the ASBO Board of Directors announced the launch of a North American certification program for school business management. ASBO is considering the development of a specialized certification in facilities management. Anyone interested in learning more about the development of the certification or are interested in assisting with the development of this program should visit [www.asbointl.org](http://www.asbointl.org).

**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.

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