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To: Members of the Worcester School Committee
From: Melinda J. Boone, Superintendent
Date: February 26, 2014
Subject: **Worcester Public Schools Receives Meritorious Budget Award!**

It is with great pleasure and pride that I inform you that the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) has awarded the **Worcester Public Schools** its Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for excellence in budget presentation. The award is conferred only to school districts that have met or exceeded the Meritorious Budget Award criteria.

To earn this award, the school district submitted its 2013–2014 budget for a rigorous review based on stringent criteria.

Developed by ASBO for school districts, the MBA criteria guide school business officials toward a quality school budget presentation by enhancing the school business officials' skills in developing, analyzing, and presenting a school system budget.

It is my understanding that the Worcester Public Schools is only one of four first time recipients nationwide of the award this year. I also understand that the Worcester Public Schools is only the seventh Massachusetts school district in the history of the MBA to have been recognized for this achievement.

The reviewers of the budget document stated:

The budget is a fine document, which includes a wealth of information in graphic and narrative form. The document is user-friendly for the average taxpayer with lots of data presented in different forms to meet the needs of varied users. Many components are suitable, stand-alone documents. The District is to be congratulated for their budget submission to the Meritorious Budget Award.

Preparing a fully transparent budget document has been an important goal of mine since I began as Superintendent in 2009. Not only have we improved the budget information for the entire community, but I am extremely pleased that we have been nationally recognized for our budget document.

The achievement of this national recognition is through the diligent efforts and perseverance of Chief Financial and Operations Officer Brian E. Allen, Budget Director Sara Consalvo, and the Finance staff of the Worcester Public Schools. They are to be congratulated for their efforts! Brian and Sara will be recognized by the sponsor of this award, ING U.S., at an upcoming Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) event.

MASBO Executive Director John A. Crafton has accepted my invitation to give brief remarks about the importance and significance of this accomplishment of the MBA at the March 6, 2014 School Committee meeting.

There have been numerous national recognitions of results occurring throughout the Worcester Public Schools this past year. There are many bright spots in academic achievement, athletic and fine arts performances, excellence in teaching, and recognition of many talented leaders within the district.

Our budget document has improved each year that I have been in Worcester. I am very proud that our effort to produce a document that was easily understandable, fully transparent and a resource for a variety of financial information is now nationally recognized.

Association of School Business Officials International



This Meritorious Budget Award is presented to

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*For excellence in the preparation and issuance of its school entity's budget
for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014.*

The budget adheres to the principles and standards
of ASBO International's Meritorious Budget Award criteria.



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Ron McCulley, CPPB, RSBO
President

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John D. Musso, CAE, RSBA
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