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**The Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting
is presented to**

**Independent School District 882 -
Monticello Public Schools**

**for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024.**

The district report meets the criteria established for
ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Ryan S. Stechschulte'.

Ryan S. Stechschulte
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'James M. Rowan'.

James M. Rowan, CAE, SFO
CEO/Executive Director



April 9, 2025

Tina-Michelle Burkholder
Director of Business Services
Independent School District 882 - Monticello Public Schools
302 Washington St
Monticello, Minnesota 55362

Dear Tina-Michelle,

Congratulations! On behalf of the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO), I am pleased to inform you that Independent School District 882 - Monticello Public Schools has received ASBO's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. This award represents a significant achievement and reflects your commitment to transparency and high-quality financial reporting. We encourage you to use the [COE recipient's logo](#) to share your achievement in emails and marketing materials.

The Certificate of Excellence (COE) Review Team has provided their comments for the improvement of your Annual Comprehensive Financial Report. It is important to review the comments and address them before you prepare next year's report. Your district must include a copy of the original comments and the district's written responses to the comments in next year's application packet.

We hope you will use the attached press release to share this important achievement with your community. Your award certificate is also attached.

Congratulations to you and the members of your staff who worked so hard to earn the COE this year. We look forward to your continued participation in the COE program.

Sincerely,

James M. Rowan, CAE, SFO
CEO/Executive Director



Independent School District 882 - Monticello Public Schools Honored with ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting

Reston, VA – April 9, 2025 – The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is thrilled to announce that **Independent School District 882 - Monticello Public Schools, (Minnesota)**, has been awarded the prestigious **Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting (COE)**. This honor recognizes school districts that uphold the highest standards of financial reporting and transparency.

The school district earned the Certificate of Excellence for its exemplary Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2024.

“For over half a century, ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting has been the gold standard for promoting and recognizing excellence in financial transparency,” said Jim Rowan, CAE, SFO, Executive Director of ASBO International. “Clear and accurate financial reporting is crucial for engaging school communities and building their trust. Districts that earn the COE have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to these principles.”

Participation in the COE program highlights a school district's dedication to financial accountability. Submitted ACFRs are rigorously reviewed by a panel of experienced financial professionals, who provide constructive feedback to further enhance the quality of future reports. Districts that meet the program's stringent requirements are awarded the Certificate of Excellence, a distinction that also supports bond rating and continuing bond disclosure processes.

ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence is proudly sponsored by Strategic Partner, American Fidelity.

To learn more about the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting program, visit asbointl.org/COE.

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About ASBO International

Established in 1910, the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is a dynamic nonprofit organization that unites, through its members and affiliates, a global network of approximately 30,000 school business professionals. ASBO International empowers its members with cutting-edge programs, resources, and connections designed to set the standard for excellence in school business management. At the heart of ASBO's mission is a commitment to success—its members play a vital role in shaping education by expertly managing resources that directly impact school systems. Learn more at asbointl.org.

About American Fidelity

At American Fidelity, we know your needs because we're intimately familiar with the education community. This allows us to quickly become an extension of your HR department and provide administration for your entire benefits program. We help your employees understand the benefits you offer through in-person education and customized communications. Our enrollment platform allows us to seamlessly manage your entire benefits enrollment. And along the way, we help keep you and your program compliant.

March 25, 2025

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING REVIEW COMMENTS

Independent School District 882 - Monticello Public Schools
Monticello, Minnesota
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

It is the consensus of the review team to award the Certificate of Excellence (COE). The District is to be commended for its efforts. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is of high quality.

PAGE REFERENCE COMMENTS

FINANCIAL SECTION

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| 7 | 1. The percentage change for Restricted Net Position is stated as (9.71) but it should be shown as positive since the Restricted Net Position increased from the 2023 value. |
| 16 | 2. With the information given, it was not possible to determine if the net investment in capital assets is correctly calculated for governmental activities. The District should disclose in the notes to the basic financial statements any unspent bond proceeds or other issues that impact this calculation. (GASBS 34: 33; eGAAFR Chapter 19 page 278-280) |

GASB UPDATES

The following information is provided as a courtesy. The school district should consider the effects of the following GASB Statements, as applicable, in preparing future Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports:

The GASB issued **Statement No. 101**, *Compensated Absences* in June 2022. This Statement updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2023.

The GASB issued **Statement No. 102**, *Certain Risk Disclosures* in December 2023. This Statement establishes financial reporting requirements for risks related to vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2024.

The GASB issued **Statement No. 103**, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements* in April 2024. This Statement will improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in

providing information that is essential for decision-making and assessing a government's accountability as well as addresses certain application issues. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2025.

The GASB issued **Statement No. 104**, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets* in September 2024. This Statement will provide users of financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets in order to make informed decisions and assess accountability. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2025