



ASSOCIATION OF
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The Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting
is presented to

Liberty Elementary School District
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'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ryan S. Stechschulte
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'James M. Rowan'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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



June 26, 2025

Dane Bolden
Executive Director of Business Services
Liberty Elementary School District
19871 W Fremont Rd,
Buckeye, Arizona 85326

Dear Dane,

Congratulations! On behalf of the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO), I am pleased to inform you that Liberty Elementary School District 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Rowan'.

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

Liberty Elementary School District Honored with ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting

Reston, VA – June 27, 2025 – The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is thrilled to announce that **Liberty Elementary School District, (Arizona)**, 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.

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