



Wellesley Public Schools Receives Another Excellence in Budgeting Award

June 14, 2022 (Wellesley, MA) – For the second year in a row, Wellesley Public Schools has been nationally recognized for the quality of its annual budget document. This month, WPS received the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) for its [Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget](#).

Typically, fewer than 150 school districts across the country receive the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA), and only three Massachusetts districts were honored last year with this distinction. To qualify for consideration, districts must meet stringent requirements for accuracy and accessibility in budget reporting.

Participation in the MBA program not only allows high-quality budget documents to receive recognition, but also helps enhance school business officials' skills in developing, analyzing, and presenting an excellent, easy-to-understand budget.

As part of the program requirements, Cynthia D. Mahr, the WPS Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, submitted the Wellesley Public Schools FY'24 Budget Document to ASBO for consideration. A panel of school finance professionals reviewed the materials for compliance with the MBA Criteria. With confirmation that the Wellesley Public Schools FY'24 Budget Document conformed to the stringent criteria set by ASBO, Wellesley was awarded the Meritorious Budget Award.

"We are proud that the work of Cindy Mahr and our business office colleagues has again been recognized with this prestigious distinction," said David Lussier, Superintendent of the Wellesley Public Schools. "We strive to be as comprehensive and transparent as possible in our annual budget process, and this outside recognition for our team serves as a valuable affirmation of these efforts."

Learn more about ASBO's MBA program on the dedicated page at asbointl.org.

About Wellesley Public Schools

Wellesley Public Schools is a public school district in Wellesley, Massachusetts serving more than 4,000 students with one pre-K school, seven elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. For more information, visit <https://wellesleyyps.org/>

About ASBO International

Founded in 1910, the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is a nonprofit organization that, through its members and affiliates, represents approximately 30,000 school business professionals worldwide. ASBO International is committed to providing programs, services, and a global network that promote the highest standards in school business. Its members support student achievement through effective resource management in various areas ranging from finance and operations to food services and transportation. Learn more at asbointl.org.

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