

**Presentation to  
TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD  
Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA)  
Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO)**

President Whitlow, Members of the Board, Superintendent Kolwe, employees, ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to present these prestigious awards.

The Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by School Systems to the Tangipahoa Parish School System for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2016. This is a great accomplishment by your staff, for only 553 school districts in the nation and 24 in the state of Louisiana received this award this year.

The Certificate of Achievement Award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International has awarded Tangipahoa Parish School System its Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for having met or exceeded the program’s high standards for financial reporting and accountability. This also is a great accomplishment by your staff, for only 542 school districts in the nation and 23 in the state of Louisiana received this award this year.

The Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award certifies that the School System has presented its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to the ASBO panel of review for critical review and evaluations and that the report was judged to have complied with the principles and practices of financial reporting recognized by ASBO. Receiving this award is recognition that the School System has met the highest standard of excellence in school financial reporting.

Both the Certificate of Achievement (GFOA) and the Certificate of Excellence (ASBO) are valid for a period of one year only. The Tangipahoa Parish School System has received both certificates for the past 29 consecutive years.

The achievement of these two awards indicates that this Board is committed to keeping its citizens well informed about its financial conditions. The Board and the citizens of Tangipahoa Parish should be proud, because there are a very limited number of such awards made in this state and nationwide. The School Board; Superintendent Mark Kolwe; Chief Financial Officer, Bret Schnadelbach, Director of Business Services, Kaye Roberts, and all of the financial staff are certainly to be commended for putting forth the extra effort to pursue and obtain this honor. Your auditors are to be commended as well.

Presentation of Award

CONGRATULATIONS!!