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## **School District Recognized for Award-Winning Budget**

### **Brandywine Heights Area School District Topton, Pennsylvania**

RESTON, VA – 2017. The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is proud to award Brandywine Heights Area School District of Topton, Pennsylvania, with the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) during the 2017–2018 budget year. The MBA promotes and recognizes excellence in school budget presentation and is conferred only to school districts whose budgets have undergone a rigorous review by financial professionals and have met or exceeded the program’s stringent criteria.

By applying for the award, school business officials learn best budget presentation practices and enhance their skills in developing, and presenting a school system budget. “School business officials are responsible for ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent wisely, and that the district budget reflects student priorities and needs,” says ASBO International Executive Director John Musso. “The MBA program helps applicants create an accessible, accurate budget that builds trust with their community.”

**Voya Financial®**, a top provider of retirement plans for the academic community and an ASBO International strategic partner, is the exclusive sponsor of the MBA. “Voya has a long history of supporting the retirement needs of school business professionals, and we are honored to recognize this year’s Meritorious Budget Award winners,” says Heather Lavallee, president of Tax-Exempt Markets for Voya Financial. “Like this year’s award winners, Voya shares in the pursuit of excellence and in inspiring the type of action that leads to positive outcomes. We are committed to offering the best solutions to help our nation’s educators and school officials prepare for retirement—so they can focus on helping their students prepare for a bright future.”

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**About ASBO International**

Founded in 1910, ASBO International 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 management. Its members support student achievement through effective resource management in areas ranging from finance and operations to food services and transportation. Learn more at [asbointl.org](http://asbointl.org).

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This Meritorious Budget Award is presented to

# BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

for excellence in the preparation and issuance of its budget  
for the Fiscal Year 2017–2018.

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



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**Anthony N. Dragona, Ed.D., RSBA**  
President

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**John D. Musso, CAE, RSBA**  
Executive Director



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November 8, 2017

Brian R. Pawling  
Business Manager  
Brandywine Heights Area School District  
200 W. Weis Street  
Topton, PA 19562

Dear Mr. Pawling:

Congratulations! The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) is pleased to inform you that the Brandywine Heights Area School District's 2017–2018 budget has received the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA). This award reflects your district's commitment to sound fiscal management and budgetary policies.

The MBA Review Team has provided comments for budget presentation improvement. It is important that you provide responses to these comments in next year's MBA submission.

Congratulations to you and the members of your staff who worked so hard to earn this award for the first time. We look forward to your continued participation in the MBA program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John D. Musso". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'M'.

John D. Musso  
Executive Director, CAE, RSBA