

Ritenour Earns Eighth Consecutive National Budget Award

Oct. 28, 2009 – For the eighth consecutive year, Ritenour School District earned the prestigious Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in the preparation and management of its 2009-2010 annual budget.

While every school district has an annual budget to manage expenditures and revenue, the Meritorious Budget Award is only given to school districts that meet or exceed the rigorous award program criteria. Less than one percent of the nation's school districts receive the award presented by the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International. In order to earn the award in consecutive years, applicants must continue to improve their budget and implement ASBO's suggestions for improvement.

"This award confirms Ritenour's continued commitment to sound financial practices," noted Ritenour Chief Financial Officer Doug Baum. "Our district has a long history of solid financial management and we are very pleased to earn this award again this year." Ritenour also received the award for its 2002-2009 annual budgets.

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Photo caption: Ritenour Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Compton (center) congratulates the business office for earning the national Meritorious Budget Award for the eighth consecutive year. The Ritenour Business Office includes (l to r) Erin Abraham-Murray (payroll specialist), Celia Pearson (accountant), Doug Baum (chief financial officer), Mary Ashley (accounts payable) and Mary Mahn (assistant).

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