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Ritenour CFO Named Missouri School Business Official of the Year

May 7, 2010 – Doug Baum, Chief Financial Officer for the Ritenour School District, was named the 2010 School Business Official of the Year by the Missouri Association of School Business Officials (MoASBO). The award honors MoASBO members whose work demonstrates personal excellence in service to their school district, community and profession. It was presented to Baum during the organization’s yearly conference at the Lake of the Ozarks.

“This award confirms something we have known for a long time in Ritenour – Doug is among the best and most highly regarded school financial officials in the state,” said Ritenour Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Compton. “Doug is an outstanding professional. He has the highest integrity and ethics who works diligently to safeguard the finances of our district. He keeps his focus on the primary mission of our school district, which is student achievement. He truly deserves this recognition and we are very proud of him.” Under Baum’s leadership, the Ritenour Business Office continues to receive accolades for its budgeting and financial management practices. The district annually receives the highest rating on its financial audits. For the past eight years, Ritenour has received the national Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in the preparation and management of its annual budget. Less than one percent of the nation’s school districts receive the award each year.

In addition to the award, the district receives a \$1,000 scholarship from MoASBO to be presented to a graduating Ritenour High School senior this year. Baum joined the Ritenour School District in 1996.