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Utica district leader named School Business Official of the Year

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Stephanie Eagen, Utica Community Schools' assistant superintendent for business services, recently was awarded the Michigan School Business Officials' School Business Official of the Year at the MSBO's 78th Annual Conference, which was held April 26-28 in Grand Rapids.

The award honors an individual for accomplishments and contribution to the profession, MSBO and their school district.

"Ms. Eagen exemplifies the crucial role of the business official in providing financial leadership in our schools," MSBO Executive Director David Martell said. "She has been a strong mentor for our association members and works tirelessly to advance the profession of school business professionals."

According to district officials, Eagen's accomplishments include seeking additional federal resources allowing for the completion of a \$29 million transformation of Utica High School - the district's original high school.

In 2012, she implemented ASBO International's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the district, meeting the standards and has earned the ASBO Certificate of Excellence in reporting every year since.

"Ms. Eagen brings integrity and a deep knowledge of school finance to the budget management of Michigan's second largest school district," Supt. Christine Johns said. "Her



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detailed budget information and insights provide valuable guidance into the district's decision making and budget development process."

Eagen is a past president and board member of MSBO and continues to serve as a presenter and mentor to members.

According to district officials, Eagen also will attend the Association of School Business Officials international annual meeting, which will be held in September in Phoenix, and will be nominated for ASBO's Eagle Award, which recognizes individuals with outstanding and visionary leadership in school business management.