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CONGRATULATIONS COREY LOWELL, NJASBO SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR



Corey Lowell has been working in the school finance field for 23 years and continues to represent the profession with excellence and dedication. Lowell's areas of expertise are finance and accounting, grants administration, procurement and capital projects oversight, but what really stands out is her passion for student-centered leadership and mentoring. She has been the Business Administrator of West Long Branch School District since 2016, and, at one time, was serving in this capacity for three school districts simultaneously!

Before she began working in schools, Lowell, a Certified Public Accountant, spent four years as a school auditor. One of her first auditing clients was Freehold Regional High School District, and she took an immediate interest in the varied duties of the district's BA at the time, Dr. Joan Saylor.

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By Katie Attwood | NJASBO President



One Year Later: Gratitude and Continued Commitment

Wow, has it really been a year already? Stepping into the NJASBO presidency filled me with profound gratitude and responsibility. Rereading my words from that day – my surprise at being here, acknowledgment of the unique challenges and vital importance of our profession, and the hopes I held for the year ahead – honestly brings back a flood of memories and a renewed sense of purpose.

I spoke then of NJASBO as the "Bright Light of Opportunity," the essential bridge that makes education and opportunities possible for the students of New Jersey. This past year has only solidified that belief. I have witnessed the dedication of our members – school business administrators who operate behind the scenes, navigate complex financial landscapes, ensure operational efficiency, and ultimately empower our educators to focus on what matters most: our students. Let's be honest, our profession is often misunderstood. We're the unseen hands that keep the gears turning in all our schools. We are the problem solvers, the strategists, and the unwavering champions for using resources wisely, operating efficiently, and creating equitable opportunities for every child.

One area I'm particularly proud of is NJASBO's united voice in advocating for real improvements to the School Funding Reform Act (SFRA). Our

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Nicole Albanese | Bridgeton Public Schools



Nicole Albanese has worked at Bridgeton Public Schools since 2000, and has been the BA there since 2001. This district has been her home since starting her career as a BA, and during that time, she has built a reputation for leadership and excellence. Over the years, she has mentored five BAs who were new to the field. This has allowed her the opportunity to share her passion for providing resources and maintaining fiscal responsibility to the community, students, and staff she serves.

Albanese is especially proud that under her leadership, the district has been able to make improvements and provide the valuable opportunity for students to enroll in a program where they graduate high school with both their diploma and an associate's degree.

Albanese also used her leadership skills by serving on Cumberland County ASBO's Executive Board. Albanese served as president for five years and vice president for four years.

Besides the certifications related to her role as a BA, she is a member of the international business honor society, Beta Gamma Sigma, and holds a master's degree in strategic human resource management.

Receiving the Distinguished Service Award is especially important to Albanese because she feels honored to be recognized by her colleagues. Albanese feels privileged to work beside the many talented business administrators who contribute toward the betterment of the profession and continuously find unique ways to ensure opportunities for students across New Jersey.

In addition to her district responsibilities, Albanese exemplifies the leadership spirit by serving as the secretary for the Southern Coastal Fund; a regional health insurance fund that offers a long-term solution to help control escalating benefit costs for employers. She is a participant in the advisory committee for the Educational Risk and Insurance Consortium-South (ERIC South), too. ERIC South is part of the NJ School Insurance Group, a workers' compensation partnership comprised of 365 member districts.

In her free time, Albanese enjoys spending time with her family, watching sports, golfing, cross-stitching, and reading.

Richard Kaz | Northern Burlington County Regional School District



Richard Kaz began his Business Administrator career at Northern Burlington in 2002, a regional district that serves the communities of Chesterfield, Mansfield, North Hanover, and Springfield Townships, along with Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

Prior to starting his school BA career, Kaz worked in the private industry for 13 years as the Chief Financial Officer for The Association of Independent Growth, Inc., a Philadelphia nonprofit organization.

Aside from his role in schools and the private industry, Kaz has also been a leader within NJASBO. He has served as president, a member of several committees, and was NJASBO's New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association representative for two years. He currently is the chair of the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. He is a three-time recipient of ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. He also is a past president of the Burlington County ASBO, a member of the board of trustees for both the Burlington County Insurance Pool Joint Insurance Fund and the School Pool for Excess Liability Limits Joint Insurance Fund.

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Membership in NJASBO is important because it provides essential support, education, and advocacy for BAs. Kaz finds it particularly valuable because of the robust professional development program offerings, the networking opportunities to connect with peers across the state and address challenges more effectively, the advocacy for BAs at the state level, the resources and advice, and the reinforcement to stay committed to ethical practices and continual improvement. Overall, NJASBO membership enhances both the competence and confidence of BAs, empowering them to better serve their districts and communities.

Kaz is an active member of his community. He founded the Parish School Advisory Council for St. Mary of The Lakes Catholic School in Medford, NJ, served on the Parish Finance Committee, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 6520.

As a former collegiate ice hockey player, Kaz proudly passed along his skills as a youth ice hockey coach for more than 20 years. His legacy will continue, as he was recently inducted into the Jaguars Youth Ice Hockey Coach's Wall of Fame.

Kaz and wife Sarah have been married for 39 years and live in Medford Lakes where they raised three boys, Richard III, Christopher, and Peter. He will be retiring on June 30 and is looking forward to spending more time traveling and visiting with his family and friends.

Antoinette Kelly | Demarest Public Schools



Antoinette Kelly serves as the Business Administrator at Demarest Public Schools, where she is currently in her fifth year. Her career in education spans 25 years, and through that she has developed an outstanding ability to assess critical needs, prioritize efforts, and implement effective solutions – all valuable characteristics to this profession.

Kelly loves what she does, so in addition to working in Demarest Schools, she is also the treasurer of school funds for several other school districts across Bergen County. Helping them with their monthly finances is enjoyable, but she truly treasures the colleagues she has met in these other districts.

Kelly's commitment to collaboration and communication are the hallmark of her leadership. She values input from stakeholders and actively seeks to build partnerships to achieve shared goals. Also among her strengths are her perfect audits, successful budgets, and meticulous management of capital reserves and lease programs - leading to financial stability and planning for future investments.

There are some projects she is particularly proud of helping her districts accomplish. In her current district, they completed a six-classroom addition at the elementary school, which has allowed the district to expand their preschool program tremendously. Work is also underway on a brand new, state-of-the-art gymnasium and nurse's suite addition, which will free up space in the main part of the building. Although these projects require a lot of time and energy, the end results and what they offer to the district make it all worth it.

As an ASBO mentor, she guides up and coming BAs with a range of career topics such as advice for daily tasks and sharing knowledge about how to navigate a variety of personalities and situations. Kelly enjoys sharing her insight with new BAs while also encouraging them to approach things with their own perspectives. Teaching people is one of her favorite things. Her love for teaching others as a mentor fits with her desire to be a lifelong learner because she can utilize what she hears from new BAs to constantly improve her practice. Another thing she loves about being a BA is the budgeting. She enjoys figuring out how to fit the most into the budget for the benefit of the district.

Kelly has seen the way the BA role has evolved over the length of her tenure, but she finds joy in the

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Fast forward a few years: Freehold Regional created a Controller position, which Lowell applied for and earned, eventually moving up to Assistant Business Administrator. She took her first role as a Business Administrator six years later at Asbury Park School District, where she gained an appreciation for working in a large district. Lowell's journey then took her to Keansburg School District, where she experienced the intense but rewarding task of building a new school. She also helped the district through its recovery from Superstorm Sandy, securing federal and local grants to offset the unexpected transportation costs for affected students in this non-transporting district.

Lowell is proudest of what she has been able to achieve as a School Business Administrator in her current district, West Long Branch. Aside from her tireless work to expand the preschool program and acquire grants for major facilities projects, Lowell secured a local recreation grant to replace the district's outdated playground equipment. This major achievement tops her list as a BA.

"There are so many important things we do as BAs on a daily basis like managing cash flow, bills, and making sure payroll is accurate," she said. "The playground replacement was a physical, visible manifestation of the hard work of the committee, board and community. This was a cause everyone wanted to champion and being part of that process was incredibly rewarding."

A true believer in the value of ASBO as a resource to both new and seasoned BAs, Lowell has held various roles within the national, state and local organizations. Recently, she served on the Vision 35 Task Force for ASBO International, where she collaborated with BAs from across the country on a strategic plan to ensure the organization continues to be a valuable resource. This year, Lowell is the Chair of the NJASBO Education Committee, where she has been a member since 2017. She enjoys interacting with colleagues and teaching the NJASBO school finance course to new BAs. Lowell believes people learn best when they have to teach a concept, so she and her co-teacher, Pat Pisano, have BAs who take the course put together a mock budget presentation.

Lowell also enjoys contributing to her community. She's the president of the Jersey Shore Triathlon Club and is a former member of both the Asbury Park Toy Drive Board of Directors and the Asbury Park Board of Education. If you've been to an NJASBO conference in the past couple of years, you likely know that Lowell is a talented singer. She comes from a musical family and was involved in plays and chorus throughout school. When she doesn't have an early triathlon training session the next day, you can find Lowell singing along as her friend plays piano on Tuesday evenings at the local piano bar.

"I believe that the most meaningful way to succeed is to help other people succeed."

- Adam Grant

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challenges. There are many things to juggle, and sometimes it can seem like a lot, but there's always the rewarding feeling of doing something great that moves the district forward.

Outside of work, Kelly enjoys traveling with family and friends; when one trip wraps up, she's already thinking about her next adventure. She also likes hosting family and friends for a great meal with lots of laughs and good conversation, going for walks, and being outdoors working in her garden. Her proudest accomplishment, by far, is being a mom to her two wonderful daughters Emma and Hannah.

Colin Monahan | Passaic Valley Regional High School District



Colin Monahan is a Business Administrator in his tenth year with the Passaic Valley Regional High School District. Before that, he served in the Totowa K-8 School District and spent a decade as a municipal and school district auditor. With nearly 25 years of experience in school business administration, he is known for exemplifying the qualities of excellence, dedication, and integrity, it is his kindness that makes him stand out. Monahan has a way of always being there – whether it's answering a complex question or providing emotional support, he listens patiently without bias and thoughtfully offers advice.

Throughout his time at Passaic Valley, Monahan has been instrumental in developing and implementing effective financial strategies that have allowed the district to maximize resources while maintaining a focus on improving educational outcomes. His financial acumen, in combination with his ability to foster collaboration among the staff and community, has played a pivotal role in numerous district initiatives. He has always believed in teamwork and feels fortunate to collaborate with dedicated administrators, staff and Board of Educations committed to making a difference.

Monahan's leadership and financial expertise have driven several major initiatives, including the installation of a community-valued turf field, renovations of the school's auditorium that highlight the district's commitment to the arts, and significant energy upgrades through an Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP), which reduced costs to taxpayers.

One of the things he finds most rewarding about his job is mentoring other BAs. Not only does he offer his expertise to his mentees, but he also learns from them every day. Monahan truly enjoys connecting with colleagues as a mentor and hearing about their perspectives on different situations – in fact, he says that's what makes him better at his job. As someone who looks forward to going to work each day and embraces the many hats he wears as a business administrator, he sees them as the source of both the role's challenges and its rewards.

Monahan served as president of the Passaic County ASBO during COVID-19. His leadership helped the organization navigate through that time of uncertainty while ensuring that members stayed connected and informed every step of the way.

Monahan remains an active and supportive member of Passaic County ASBO. He enjoys having colleagues in the same educational environment, with similar experiences, that he can lean on for guidance or to talk through a situation. Monahan considers his ASBO peers not only colleagues but also friends.

In his free time, Monahan enjoys spending time with his wife, Gail, and their three children, Kathlyn, Drew and Ryan. Family is the most important thing in his life. He especially enjoys Gail's Sunday family dinners, golfing with friends and his sons, and is an avid Giants fan.

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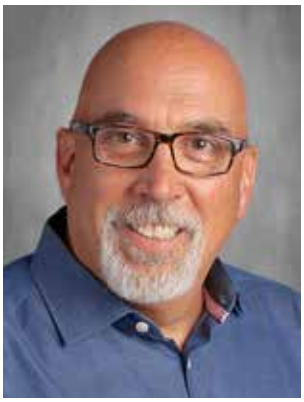
Brian F. Savage, Ed.D. | Point Pleasant Beach School District



Dr. Brian F. Savage is an accomplished educational leader with over three decades of experience in school administration, finance, and operations with a proven track record of excellence in managing complex school systems and fostering innovative educational practices.

He is currently serving as the School Business Administrator and Board Secretary for the Point Pleasant Beach Board of Education, where he has been since 1993. In addition to his role at Point Pleasant Beach, Savage serves as the Staff Accountant and Board Secretary for the Beverly City Board of Education.

Savage started his career in school business with the Long Branch Board of Education where he was hired by Mr. Joe Passiment, who was Savage's accounting teacher in high school. Along Savage's career path he has worked for the Sea Girt Board of Education, Helmetta Board of Education and the Beach Haven Board of Education.

Savage exemplifies a rare combination of visionary leadership, financial expertise, and a steadfast commitment to education and community. His innovative approaches are exemplified in his work. He has successfully supervised referendum projects, ensuring the seamless renovation of school facilities without disrupting student learning; implemented a private tuition program that generates over $1,000,000 annually; and negotiated a multi-million-dollar lease agreement to utilize excess network spectrum capacity, which funds the district-wide 1:1 Apple program. His financial acumen has also recovered significant funds through aggressive resource room, tuition, and billing practices.

Beyond his district-level roles, Savage is the Founding Partner of LEADWELLEDU, an organization dedicated to providing consultative health and wellness services and professional development for school leaders. Within his community, Savage has served as a co-chair for the Point Pleasant Beach Public Education Foundation golf outing, volunteered as a soccer coach, and promotes autism awareness as an executive board member for the JT Foundation.

Outside of work, Savage enjoys being with his family and friends. In addition, he enjoys "golfing" with friends and kayaking in the Manasquan River. He is so proud of his three children Matthew, a fireman in Colorado; Danny who is currently working in the school business profession and Claire, who has just begun her teaching career as a middle school math teacher. Mary Ellen, his wife, who is an amazing artist, and Brian have recently become grandparents and are now frequent flyers to Steamboat Springs, Colorado enjoying visits with their granddaughter, Sloane.

"Creativity is the art of finding a new route to a known destination."

- Simon Sinek

63RD NJASBO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: BUILDING BRIDGES TO SUCCESS

By Matthew Clarke | NJASBO Assistant Executive Director



Are you ready? It's almost here! All of us at NJASBO hope our attendees are as excited for the conference as we are. Three days of learning opportunities are scheduled, and attendees will be able to select from more than 35 different sessions. To download a detailed listing of educational offerings, please click here.

NJASBO has recently become a preferred provider for the SFO program administered by ASBO International. There are plenty of credits that can be obtained by attendees at this year's conference. Check the schedule for which credits are provided for each session. Credit categories are:

- QPA (Qualified Purchasing Agent)
- CPE (Continued Professional Education)
- CEFM (Certified Educational Facilities Manager)
- SFO (Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations)

On Wednesday, outgoing President Katherine Attwood will offer an official welcome at the kickoff luncheon. In addition to a student performance by the Hamilton Township School District, there will be a special ceremony to honor the Distinguished Service Award recipients, the School Business Administrator of the Year, and Associate Business Member Partner of the Year. The new slate of officers will be installed, past presidents will be introduced, and incoming President Chandra Coady will set the tone for the coming year.

Don't forget about the "Hour of Power – Yoga Instruction" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, before heading to the educational sessions. Christine Messina from AllRisk Property Damage Experts will take you through some basic yoga moves, along with meditation exercises.

On Thursday morning there will be a BA forum, where attendees will have the opportunity to ask seasoned business officials how they have dealt with different – sometimes difficult – situations. Following the BA forum, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from Commissioner of Education, Kevin Dehmer, as he shares information from the Department of Education with our members.

This year, the Associate Business Member program – "The Match Game 25" – will focus on best practices for rules of engagement between schools and service partners, in a fun and informative game show style.

Thursday's evening event will be another one to remember; by popular demand we're back in the Cabanas! The conference chairs have picked a wonderful menu for dinner, and after dinner attendees can enjoy the outdoors, take a picture in the photo booth overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, and enjoy the sounds provided by the Goodman Fiske Band as we celebrate another fantastic year.

The conference continues on Friday morning with one last session followed by the brunch program. The morning session, "Green Schools, Bright Futures: Unlocking Sustainability Resources," offers the elusive Green Purchasing QPA credit. Following this session is the highly anticipated brunch program, which will feature Steve Rizzo. Steve comes highly recommended by our friends at ASBOI. His presentation, "Mindset is Absolutely Everything," will be the focus for our conference keynote address. Steve is a motivational speaker, author, and former stand-up comedian known for his humorous style of motivational speaking and writing. Watch a quick video to see Steve in action.

A detailed schedule of events can be downloaded here. Attendees can download the NJASBO 2025 app from the Apple/Google stores beginning May 20. We can't wait to see you at Ocean Casino Resort from June 4 through 6 for an exceptional few days of learning!

NJASBO 2025 ASSOCIATE BUSINESS MEMBER PARTNER OF THE YEAR: LAURA BISHOP COMMUNICATIONS



Each year, NJASBO and its Associate Business Members (ABM) honor a member for its ongoing efforts to be an extraordinary partner to BAs and the districts they serve.

This year's recipient of the NJASBO Associate Business Member Partner of the Year is Laura Bishop Communications (LBC).

About LBC

Launched in 2011, Laura Bishop Communications has established itself as New Jersey's Premier School Communications Firm, providing strategic communications for school districts and education organizations, including NJASBO with a focus on writing and editing KeyPost. In addition to newsletters, LBC's services include media relations, branding, social media, issue/crisis counseling, with a particular niche and success in bond referenda communication and community engagement.



Laura started the firm with a handful of clients, a strong work ethic, an entrepreneurial spirit, and charisma to connect it all. Over the years, LBC has grown into a dynamic, 18-member Crew of professionals who complement each other's skill sets. LBC brings a collective wealth of knowledge and a distinctive approach to each client. The hallmark of LBC's work is the Crew's ability to seamlessly become part of each client's team.

What's It Like to Work with LBC?

NJASBO members nominated LBC for the award, citing the firm's extraordinary partnership with school districts and dedication to providing professional, personalized communications services.



LBC is widely recognized for its expertise in campaigns to educate and motivate voters in advance of bond referenda. The firm brings experience, skills, and the many hours needed to lessen the burden of these high stakes votes on busy school officials.

Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District (MERS) chose LBC to help engage its communities and pass a $115 million bond referendum. District leadership tapped phrases like "worked tirelessly," "greatly contributed to our success," and "professional excellence" to describe what LBC brought to the table.

"What sets Laura Bishop Communications apart is their genuine commitment to the educational community. They took the time to understand our district's needs, values, and challenges, ensuring that our communication strategies aligned with our mission and goals. Their partnership went beyond consulting; they became an integral part of our team," said MERS BA Veronica (Roni) Wolf.

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Haddonfield School District cites LBC's innovative approach and high-quality work as being instrumental to the passage of a recent referendum.

"They acted as a true extension of our team, providing proactive support and fostering a collaborative environment," said district BA Michael Catalano.

Somerville Public Schools enlisted LBC to help educate the community about their bond referendum, which ultimately passed. District leadership describes LBC as an indispensable member of their team.

"Laura Bishop Communications' dedication, expertise, and professionalism were invaluable assets to the Somerville Board of Education," said BA Bryan Boyce. "Their work not only ensured the success of the bond referendum but also fostered a stronger sense of community engagement and understanding."

School district leaders are tasked with responsibilities such as hiring and training staff members, working with board members, managing buildings, and formulating budgets – all of which leaves little time to communicate with the community.

That's where LBC comes in. Cranford Public School District brought LBC on board to help strengthen its outreach to staff, parents and the community it serves. Through collaboration with district leaders, LBC has expanded the district's reach and positive engagement with the school community and beyond, through internal communications, website content, social media, printed materials, community events, and news media.

"Laura Bishop Communications has proven to be an invaluable resource in working with the Cranford Public Schools administration and staff to develop and implement an effective communication plan to accurately reflect the district's strengths and capturing its vision through all forms of communications," said Robert (Bob) J. Carfagno, Cranford BA.

Lastly, LBC's leadership team, led by Laura Bishop, has established a solid reputation for their immediate response with a calm, thoughtful and compassionate approach during crisis situations, 24/7.

When a school district experienced a tragedy that profoundly impacted the entire community, LBC, specifically Laura, was there. She was able to bring a sense of stability amid the chaos by offering guidance on dealing with the media and providing specific talking points for school leaders.

"During this challenging time, Laura Bishop was one of the first individuals contacted for support. Her calm demeanor, positive attitude, and readiness to address various outcomes were invaluable in helping the district navigate this difficult period," said the administrator of one district, who KeyPost is not identifying because of the confidential nature of LBC's crisis work.

Working as a member of a public school district's team, bringing communications expertise - in every situation – is exceptionally rewarding. It's not just a job for the LBC Crew; it's a passion and a privilege.



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recommendations for the SFRA and fiscal relief genuinely influenced some of the recent changes. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to those efforts, especially those who took the time to testify and advocate in other ways. Your voices made a difference.

However, and I need to be frank here, it's impossible to not feel a real sense of disappointment and frustration that we couldn't achieve more. The changes we pushed for and saw implemented in part didn't fully address those wide swings in wealth measures and the resulting funding disparities. The transportation formula remains untouched. The 2% tax levy cap remains. And probably most frustrating, the formula remains unpredictable.

The goal of the SFRA was to create a fair, equitable and predictable funding formula based on student characteristics, regardless of where a student lives. While the State's recent recognition of district classification rates and increased costs for special education, security, and other formula adjustments is a welcomed step and the continued investment in education is significant – a far cry from those years of flat funding after flat funding after flat funding – maintaining the status quo on the transportation formula, the unchanged 2% levy cap, and the formulas ongoing unpredictability keep it from achieving its goal and being truly fair. More action is absolutely critical, and I have full faith that under Chandra's leadership, NJASBO will continue this vital work. You can count on my continued commitment to this goal.

I am also really proud of NJASBO's ongoing commitment to providing top-notch professional development for our Business Administrators and the entire business office team. Growing our Learning Management System and equipping our members with the knowledge and skills to excel in our constantly evolving field is so important.

And let's talk about technology! The improvements we've made are fantastic. Thank you, Nick! We are so fortunate you joined the NJASBO team. We have a social media presence, and our transformed website is now an incredible resource, especially for prospective members. That "Day in the Life of a BA" video and the podcasts on our site are truly outstanding, and we've already heard how they've helped people explore and even make career changes. That's impactful!

Looking back at this past year, several things stand out as reasons for deep gratitude.

- Your unwavering commitment: Your dedication, expertise, and sheer grit in serving your districts and students, upholding sound fiscal management while juggling the daily whirlwind of priorities and issues, is inspiring.
- The strength of our network: The real power of NJASBO lies in you, our members. The willingness of colleagues to share knowledge, offer a helping hand, and work together to solve tough challenges is constantly present and genuinely impressive. This sense of camaraderie is the bedrock of NJASBO.
- The exceptional NJASBO leadership: The Executive Team and County Trustees have skillfully guided the association forward, ensured we maintain momentum, and advanced our goals. This year brought its share of hurdles, but it was also marked by real progress and a deep commitment to serving our members' needs in the most effective way possible.
- The engagement of our business partners: Your collaboration and expertise are absolutely vital to our collective success.

This past year has only strengthened my conviction in the critical role NJASBO plays in the New Jersey education landscape. We had successes, met challenges head-on, navigated obstacles, and built a stronger, more productive and resilient association.

As my term as President draws to a close, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to have served you. It has been an honor, privilege and genuine pleasure to work alongside such dedicated professionals.

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I am confident that with continued strong leadership, NJASBO will remain a powerful force for good, ensuring every student in New Jersey has access to the opportunities they deserve.

Thank you for a remarkable year, for your trust, and for everything you do, every single day, to make education and opportunities possible.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

By Michael Vrancik | NJASBO Legislative Consultant

During the 2024-2025 legislative session 10,636 bills have been introduced. Only 170 of those bills have made their way to the Governor where he has signed them into law. NJASBO tracks relevant educational bills that have recent or potential activity and comments on them as appropriate. As was the case this time last year, there are some recently **introduced** bills that address the FY '26 state aid allocation. A summary of this recent legislative activity linked here is valid as of April 28, 2025. Additionally, NJASBO has created a new web page entitled "NJASBO Legislative Actions" where members can find recent position statements and other informative articles.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING OUR RETIREE ON A JOB WELL DONE

Nicole Albanese,
SBA, Bridgeton Public Schools

"Continuous learning is the minimum requirement for success in any field."

- Brian Tracy