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Ashwaubenon School District's Lucius Named Wisconsin 2013 Business Official of the Year

Ashwaubenon, WI – January 23, 2013 – Keith Lucius, Ashwaubenon School District's Assistant Superintendent, has been named the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials '2013 Business Official of the Year'. Lucius was presented the statewide award on Wednesday, January 23rd during the Annual State Education Convention in Milwaukee. The school district is holding a community open house to honor Lucius on Tuesday, January 29th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Ashwaubenon High School commons area at 2391 South Ridge Road.

Lucius has been with the Ashwaubenon School District since 1999. During that time he has led or been a part of:

- Implementing a 1-to-1 computer initiative at Ashwaubenon High School
- Refinancing long-term debt which saved the District several million dollars
- Building improvement referendums at Ashwaubenon High School, Pioneer Elementary, and Valley View Elementary
- Energy conservation efforts which saved the District \$246,000 over the last three years and resulted in Energy Star certifications for all District buildings
- Implementing a risk management program that lowered insurance premiums while providing better coverage
- Managing the District's self-funded health insurance program where current rates are six percent below 2008-09 rates.

These efforts to keep the District in financial good health have contributed to the Ashwaubenon School District being one of the more desirable districts in the state, evidenced by 25% of its students choosing to attend under Open Enrollment.

According to Ashwaubenon School District Superintendent Brian Hanes, "I have had the pleasure of working with several dedicated, competent, and compassionate school officials in the last decade, but Mr. Lucius rises to the top of the list and is unparalleled in his referent leadership style, "can do" attitude, commitment to excellence, teamwork, creative problem-solving abilities, and gifts of time and talent to both his profession and our great Ashwaubenon community-at-large."

In addition to his work with the school district, Lucius has also served as President of the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials, Chairman of the School Administrators Alliance and a board member of both the School Insurance and Risk Management Consortium and the Wisconsin Local Government Property Insurance

Fund. He was selected as the 2003 New School Business Official of the Year by the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials.

The Business Official of the Year award was created by the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials in acknowledgement of the value and need to recognize outstanding school business officials in Wisconsin. It includes a \$1,500 scholarship, sponsored by Liberty Mutual, to a 2013 graduating senior of Ashwaubenon High School.

For more information, please contact Brian Hanes, Ashwaubenon School District Superintendent, at bhanes@ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us or 920-492-2905 extension 1003.

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