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**RIASBO Announces Linda J. Celona, North Providence School Department, the 2009 RI School Business Official of the Year**

**Providence, RI, 5/8/09** – The Rhode Island Association of School Business Officials selected Ms. Linda J. Celona, Director of Finance for the North Providence School Department as the Rhode Island School Business Official of the Year for 2009. Ms. Celona was selected by his peers for distinguishing herself in the endeavors of business excellence in education. Ms. Celona maintains membership in several civic and professional organizations and is currently Treasurer of RIASBO. At their annual conference held at the Johnson & Wales University in Providence, on Friday May 8, 2009, Celona was presented with an engraved desk clock to honor the event.

In addition to receiving the award, the school business official of the year is given the honor to bestow a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior who plans to study business in college. The scholarship is made available through the generosity of Aramark Incorporated. Celona selected North Providence High School senior Bianco Matarese who plans to study Actuarial Mathematics at the Bryant University in the fall.

For additional information on Ms. Linda J. Celona's selection as school business official of the year, contact RIASBO president Cynthia Brown.

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