

Michigan School Business Officials

2025 BOARD CANDIDATE

Teri L. Les, CPA, CFO

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS OAKLAND ISD



PROFILE

MSBO has been instrumental in my professional growth throughout my 23-year career in school business. When I began at Walled Lake Schools, I had limited knowledge of school business operations and state funding. MSBO's learning and networking opportunities were important to my success. My interest in joining the board stems from a desire to provide similar opportunities for others. After 22 years at Walled Lake Schools, I transitioned to Oakland Schools, where my work with the ISD has allowed me to collaborate with every district in the county. This experience has broadened my understanding of the unique challenges and strengths across districts. I am eager to bring this perspective to the board to support and enhance MSBO's mission.

EMPLOYMENT

Oakland Intermediate School District

Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations — September 2023 - Present

Walled Lake Consolidated School District

Assistant Superintendent of Business Services — February 2011 - September 2023

Finance Manager – October 2001 - February 2011

Plante Moran

Audit Manager - June 1992 - October 2001

EDUCATION

Michigan State University
Bachelor of Arts, Accounting

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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MSBO Annual Conference Presenter

Professional Development Committee

Oakland County School Business Officials

Current member and Past President

Instrumental in design and implementation of Oakland County School Business Official Residency Program

Implemented Mentorship Program

Association of School Business Officials International - Member

HONORS

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CFO Certification

Meridian Award of Excellence – 2019, "Financial Fair for district employees"

Association of School Business Officials International

Meritorious Budget Award recipient for 20 years

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report recipient for several years

Certified Public Accountant (Registered Status)

Jeff Leib Lifetime Leadership Award, Greater West Bloomfield Michigan Week — 2024 Married to Bernie for 29 years. Proud mom of two outstanding young women.



All active members of MSBO will receive an e-mail with a link to vote in April 2025. Voting is conducted electronically and take place April 9–April 23, 2025.

MSBO MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of MSBO is to continually improve the leadership of and management in school business and operational services, while enhancing the professional, social, and economic well-being of its members.