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**2023 ROBERT MORTON AWARD RECIPIENT**



Serena Owsley Chief School Financial Officer/Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance for the Athens City Board of Education has been named the recipient of the 2023 Robert L. Morton Award by the Alabama Association of School Business Officials (AASBO). The award named after the late Robert L. Morton, former assistant superintendent of administration and finance for the Alabama State Department of Education, is designed to recognize outstanding chief school financial officers in Alabama.

Serena has been employed with Athens City School Board of Education for the past 26 years serving as the CSFO for the past 7 years. In 2018 she was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent for administration and finance. In her position she is responsible for overseeing all business

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operations of the system including Finance/Budgeting, Transportation, Child Nutrition, Facilities and Maintenance and the system's Capital Program. During her tenure at Athens City Schools, she has held the position of bookkeeper, payroll coordinator and accounting supervisor. Prior to entering Public Education with Athens City Schools, she worked for a private CPA firm as a tax accountant and auditor for 5 years.

She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She is an active member of the Alabama Association of School Business Officials serving currently as director of district 8. She also received the ASBO International Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations (SFO) in 2018. In addition to being a member of AASBO and ASBO Intl. she is also a member of SSA, CLAS, AASPA and ASPMA.

Serena has been married to her husband, Charles for 37 years. They have 2 daughters, a son, 2 son- in-law's and 5 beautiful grandchildren. She and her husband are active members at Hobbs Street Church of Christ.

AASBO seeks to recognize, through this award, the dedication that individuals bring to their communities, their profession, and their school district in everyday life, identifying school business officials devoted to going above and beyond to do their job and serve their community. Serena is an outstanding selection for this award.

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