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Financial EDge partnership will provide free financial literacy education to thousands of students in Toledo

TOLEDO – Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel visited Bowsher High School in Toledo today to announce a new financial literacy partnership between the Ohio Treasurer's office and Toledo Public Schools. This partnership is part of the Ohio Treasury's new Financial EDge initiative, which leverages technology and public-private partnerships to provide free financial education tools to parents, educators and students.

"We are proud to partner with Toledo Public Schools to offer free financial literacy education to thousands of students across Toledo," said Treasurer Mandel. "This effort will give young Ohioans the tools to help them succeed upon graduation. Whether students go to college, join the military or enter the workforce, understanding money management skills will help them build a solid foundation for the rest of their lives."

"Toledo Public Schools is committed to making sure that our graduates are college and career ready – that includes ensuring that students have a keen understanding of money management," said Dr. Romules Durant, Toledo Public Schools Superintendent. "Our financial literacy curriculum reinforces with students the key points of saving, debt management and planning for the future."

Through the Financial EDge initiative, the Ohio Treasurer's office provides resources to schools to help them comply with new financial education high school graduation requirements that became effective with the graduating class of 2014. These financial education graduation requirements were included in SB 311, which passed the Ohio General Assembly and was signed into law on January 3, 2007. Under this law Ohio high schools are now required to provide instruction in financial education, though districts and teachers have flexibility as to how they incorporate these subjects into their curriculum. The Treasurer's Financial EDge initiative aims to provide a suite of free resources to assist teachers in meeting financial education requirements. Examples of resources provided through Financial EDge public and private partners include:

- Print and online materials through the National Endowment for Financial Education;
- The EverFi financial literacy technology platform, in partnership with the Ohio Bankers League;
- Dozens of downloadable, online and interactive tools available for free through: www.OhioTreasurer.gov/FinancialEDge

Financial EDge accommodates classrooms with varying learning styles and technological capabilities in their teaching of financial education by providing interactive online programming along with print-based materials.

The Treasurer's office makes various interactive, online and downloadable resources available on the Treasurer's website. For more information, please visit: www.OhioTreasurer.gov/FinancialEDge

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