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School District 62 Business Official Named

DES PLAINES, IL (January 17, 2006) – Susan Shepard, a finance professional with an extensive and varied background in corporate and school finance, was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Business Services by the Des Plaines School District 6s Board of Education Tuesday evening.

Shepard currently serves as the Supervisor of Fiscal Services for Community Unit School District 300, 17,800 student district, in Carpentersville, IL. Her responsibilities include supervising business and student data personnel; preparing, analyzing and monitoring financial documents, including the annual budget; and managing district cash flow and investments. Shepard served on the implementation team of a new financial software package. She was also selected to present the PMA Financial Planning Program at the American Society of Business Official International 2005 Conference. District 300 was one of the first school districts to utilize the PMA Financial Planning Program, which is used for financial projections from a school district's perspective. She also has been a member of the Board Finance Committee. School District 300 has employed Shepard since 2000.

She began her financial career as an internal auditor and accounting supervisor for Household International in Prospect Heights. While employed with Household, she performed numerous operational audits and managed the day-to-day banking and cash flow process in the Money & Capital Markets Department. From 1989 -1996, Shepard held supervisory and management positions in the Accounting Departments of Seigles'

Home & Building, Elgin, IL, and Oak/Leyden Development in Oak Park, IL. She assisted Oak/Leyden Development with special projects as a consultant from 1994 – 1996.

Shepard earned a bachelor's degree in Accountancy and a master's degree in School Business Management from Northern Illinois University.

“As an administrator, I will strive to focus on the district's primary mission, which is to provide the best services to its students in a fiscally responsible manner,” responded Shepard when asked about her new responsibilities. “I look forward to using what I have learned from my on-the-job training at District 300, the completion of my masters program and my background in finance.”

Shepard will assume the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services position, which will be created by the retirement of Interim Deputy Superintendent Raymond Gunn, on July 1, 2006. An annual salary of \$110,000 was approved by the Board. Shepard resides in Sleepy Hollow, IL with her four children, where she has assumed leadership roles of numerous parent teacher organizations and Little League baseball.

Community Consolidated School District 62 educates over 4,700 students in eleven K-8 schools. 675 certified and support staff work together to educate the district's children.

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