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### **Fox Valley Savings Bank's Financial Literacy Educator Named Best in State**

**FOND DU LAC (WI)**—Fox Valley Savings Bank again has the top financial literacy educator in the state. Monica Walk received the 2018-2019 Financial Literacy Banker of the Year Award and Certificate of Excellence from the Wisconsin Bankers Association in late November. Walk taught lessons on financial literacy to 157 classrooms in area elementary and middle schools in Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Waupun, North Fond du Lac, Campbellsport, Oakfield, and Eden during the past academic year, reaching more than 3,100 children with information and activities to build good financial habits.

Walk earned this top award four previous times: academic years 2017-18, 2013-2014, 2012-2013, and 2010-2011. She served as the FVSB educator from fall of 2009 to spring of 2019.

"We appreciate having Monica lead our financial literacy program with such high commitment for the last 10 years," said FVSB President and CEO Steve Schmudlach. "In addition to visiting so many classrooms by teacher invitation each year, Monica was highly regarded by those teachers who gave feedback about her positive interaction with students and her ability to really connect the children with age-appropriate lessons about money."

Fox Valley Savings Bank offers the personal economics programming as a community service to teachers in area Grade K-8 classrooms, at no cost to the school or district.

"Representing Fox Valley Savings Bank in our schools has been a complete honor and pleasure, and I am gratified to end my tenure as 'The Bank Lady' on this positive note, with the highest tally of presentations I ever made in a school year," Walk said. "For the past decade, I have had the uncommon experience of being a guest teacher in area classrooms. That longevity forged friendships with teachers--whom I continue to admire for their tenacity and dedication to students—and gave me the joy of revisiting students as they grew into their successive grades and classrooms.

"While I have now 'retired' from this financial literacy work, I remain a very happy customer of Fox Valley Savings Bank," Walk said. "Working on behalf of such a quality community bank was always positive, and I am grateful I had the opportunity to use my education and communication degrees in

such a satisfying way. I'm also delighted to hand the position over to Sue Krause, whose Grade 4 classroom I visited annually in Waupun."

Krause, recently retired from the Waupun School District, is now available for scheduling K-8 classroom visits focused on financial literacy programming. Teachers and principals can contact Krause by email at [fvsbankfined@gmail.com](mailto:fvsbankfined@gmail.com) .

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