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JoAnne Bennett to Join NFHS Staff as Chief Financial Officer

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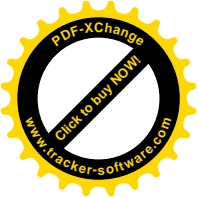
INDIANAPOLIS, IN (October 27, 2015) — JoAnne Bennett, CPA CGMA, who has 15 years' experience in nonprofit accounting with one of the largest CPA and advisory firms in the United States, has been selected chief financial officer (CFO) of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), effective November 9.

Bennett will succeed Kathleen Rodewald, who is retiring November 30 after 10½ years as the organization's CFO.

Bennett, a 1997 graduate of the Indiana University Kelly School of Business, worked in a variety of capacities for BKD LLP, a nationally recognized accounting and advisory firm. She began her career in the Indianapolis office for nine years, serving as a staff accountant, senior/supervisor and manager.

In 2007, Bennett moved to the Denver office of BKD LLP and served as manager for one year and senior manager for five years before returning to Indianapolis in 2013 to become director of finance for MIBOR REALTOR ASSOCIATION.

During her seven years in a management role with BKD LLP, Bennett was responsible for the strategic and marketing plan of the firm's Denver not-for-profit practice to ensure new business development, and she conducted four annual seminars for clients on relevant financial and tax topics.



In her two years with MIBOR, Bennett managed all financial aspects of the association, including development and enforcement of the financial policies, preparation and management of annual budgets, and coordination of the annual audit and tax preparation processes.

Bennett is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA). She is also credentialed by the Indiana CPA Society and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

“We are excited to have JoAnne join our team and bring her wealth of not-for-profit auditing experience,” said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director.

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About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 16 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.8 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; offers online publications and services for high school coaches and officials; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, speech and debate coaches, and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org.

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